**To:** Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Chandler, Kimberly
**Sent:** Thur 7/6/2017 8:49:26 PM
**Subject:** RE: Question from Associated Press

Thank you. Limited media were apparently invited. Can you say who made the decision to invite them, Strange's office or the EPA?

**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:17 PM
**To:** Chandler, Kimberly
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** Re: Question from Associated Press

There wasn't a formal release.

On Jul 6, 2017, at 3:14 PM, Chandler, Kimberly <KChandler@ap.org> wrote:

Thank you.

Was there a notice sent out to press ahead of time of the appearance? If so, can I get a copy of that.

**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, July 06, 2017 4:12 PM
**To:** Chandler, Kimberly
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** Re: Question from Associated Press

Hi Kim - Liz passed along your email. I wanted to share our press release regarding the events today in Alabama and tomorrow in Georgia. We will be sure to add you to our list so that you are informed the next time we have events in the area.

Thanks,

Amy

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Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Question from Associated Press

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This is Kim Chandler with The Associated Press in Alabama. I understand Administrator Pruitt did an appearance in Alabama today with Sen. Luther Strange of Alabama.

Can you tell me why there was not notice give to press of the event? We would have liked to have covered.

Regards,

Kim Chandler
334-207-0502
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**To:** tamar.hallerman@ajc.com[tamar.hallerman@ajc.com]
**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Thur 7/6/2017 8:25:31 PM
**Subject:** Pruitt visit to Georgia

Hi Tamar - I received your email and wanted to pass along the following release with more details about Administrator Pruitt's events in Alabama today and Georgia tomorrow. Let us know if you have any questions.

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Amy

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 6, 2017 2:11 PM
**To:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Pruitt visit to Georgia?

Hi Dawn,

We're hearing about Administrator Pruitt possibly visiting Georgia sometime in the near future. Do you have any info?

Thanks,

Tamar Hallerman

Washington Correspondent

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

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**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
**From:** Anthony Adragna
**Sent:** Thur 7/6/2017 7:42:58 PM
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt in Alabama/Georgia

Thanks for this!
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aadragna@politico.com
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**From:** "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Date:** Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 3:30 PM
**To:** Anthony Adragna <aadragna@politico.com>
**Cc:** "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Pruitt in Alabama/Georgia

Hi Anthony – Amy asked me to send this to you, as she is traveling and it's easier for me to send. Below, is the draft press statement we are finalizing with regard to the Administrator's visit to Alabama and Georgia. This is going to be sent shortly, but thought we would go ahead and shoot it over to you, since you asked about the events. Thanks – Liz

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Thur 7/6/2017 12:27:10 PM
**Subject:** Clean Draft Release

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**Cc:** Press[Press@epa.gov]; Randall Weiseman[Randall@southeastagnet.com]; Josh[josh@agnetmedia.com]; Taylor Hillman[taylor@agnetmedia.com]; Sabrina Hill[sabrina@agnetwest.com]
**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Fri 7/7/2017 2:02:08 AM
**Subject:** Re: URGENT TIMING PLZ - AgNet Media/Radio Networks in SE-Plz help with EPA radio interview??

Hi Gary - Thank you for reaching out. We are happy to accommodate a member of your team at tomorrow's event, and also interested in trying to set up a radio interview. Can you send more details about what the radio interview would entail? Who would conduct the interview, how long, topics, what times are possible to set something up tomorrow, etc.

Thank you,
Amy

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 8:48 PM, "gary@agnetmedia.com" <gary@agnetmedia.com> wrote:

TO: EPA Media Relations Director / Department

From: Gary Cooper, Founder/President, AgNet Media and Southeast AgNet Radio Network

Re: Request help to cover today's SE events / more advance notice for future ag events

Dear All,

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**From:** Davenport, Coral
**Sent:** Fri 6/30/2017 2:55:25 PM
**Subject:** Re: in other news

OK, thks. We'll circle back next week.

On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 10:15 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Coral - Liz is out today and asked me to get back in touch with you. Off the record - we don't have anything to share at this time.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2017, at 9:53 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Davenport, Coral" <coral.davenport@nytimes.com>
**Date:** June 30, 2017 at 9:22:42 AM EDT
**To:** "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject: in other news**

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**From:** Davenport, Coral
**Sent:** Fri 6/30/2017 1:51:54 PM
**Subject:** Re: in other news

Calling now - best #?

On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 9:36 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Can u call me in 10...Driving ...

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Fri 6/23/2017 9:33:08 PM
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt's speech to Harvard club on Paris

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On Jun 23, 2017, at 11:35 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, any quotes would need to be from an interview specifically about this article. Let me see if we can schedule something for Monday with the Administrator. I will get back to you shortly. I also am going to send you some names of career staffers you can talk to today about the collaborative effort of the political and staff…to start, I have included the contact information for Wendy, who is the acting head of our chemicals and pesticides office, who worked very closely with Dr. Beck on the TSCA rules that came out yesterday. I am running to a meeting, but will send you more names…

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Acting Assistant Administrator

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Office of Chemical Safety & Pollution Prevention U.S.

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**From:** Davenport, Coral [mailto:coral.davenport@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 11:19 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt's speech to Harvard club on Paris

Ok -- even the Mayor one? You'd mentioned when we spoke by phone last week that that one -- the only one I'm asking to use -- shld be fine.

We'd like to run the story this weekend, but if he cld speak on Monday, we can prob push til next week.

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 11:13 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

What's your deadline? Because this is a big piece and it is Friday afternoon, and we are testifying in the Senate on Tuesday. We want to work with you, but trying to figure out logistics.

Since that conversation you all had was off the record and a general get-to-know-you, any quotes from him for this article or other ones, will need to be from an interview on the record.

**From:** Davenport, Coral [mailto:coral.davenport@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, June 23, 2017 11:04 AM

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**Subject:** Re: Pruitt's speech to Harvard club on Paris

Got it. Cld he speak by phone today?

The only quote I'd want to use from the earlier intvu is this one, where I asked him about staff employee complaints of low morale and not being included in major decisions.

"I spent the first couple of weeks running for Mayor here. But ultimately, these are my decisions."

Meanwhile, cld he address these qs?

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**From:** Alex Guillen
**Sent:** Mon 6/19/2017 5:19:11 PM
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt, utility CEOs to discuss Clean Power Plan today

Also, to clarify — is the health meeting about the Clean Power Plan as well?

**From:** Alex Guillen
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 1:11 PM
**To:** 'Graham, Amy' <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt, utility CEOs to discuss Clean Power Plan today

Thanks so much Amy! I'm not familiar with the Health Partners Group. Is that a new advisory panel, or something else?

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Alex – Here you go:

Administrator Pruitt is meeting with utility representatives today, and he also met with representatives from the American Lung Association, American Public Health Association, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, and other members of the Health Partners Group.

**From:** Alex Guillen [mailto:aguillen@politico.com]
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 12:47 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt, utility CEOs to discuss Clean Power Plan today

I'm sorry I cut off your response—I know I didn't give you a huge lead time to respond.

We are of course interested in reporting on Amy's response when it's available. And I'll do my best to give you more time in the future; this morning I was facing multiple breaking news items at once and was slightly overwhelmed.

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
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**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Pruitt, utility CEOs to discuss Clean Power Plan today

Hi Alex – I don't think it's fair to say that we didn't respond to request for comment. Amy was just about to send you a quote.

**From:** POLITICO Pro Energy Whiteboard [mailto:politicoemail@politicopro.com]
**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 12:30 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Pruitt, utility CEOs to discuss Clean Power Plan today

By Alex Guillén and Darius Dixon

06/19/2017 12:27 PM EDT

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is scheduled to meet today with top electric industry executives to discuss the rollback of the agency's Clean Power Plan, according to four industry sources.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. at EPA headquarters. EPA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

At least 10 utility CEOs are expected to be there, according to a list of confirmed attendees viewed by POLITICO. They include Entergy's Leo Denault, Duke's Lynn Good, AEP's Nick Akins, DTE's Gerry Anderson, Ameren's Warner Baxter, Exelon's Chris Crane, PNM's Pat Vincent-Collawn, Dominion's Tom Farrell, Xcel's Ben Fowke and Oklahoma Gas Electric's Sean Trauschke. Municipals power companies and electric coops have also been invited, the sources said.

Southern Co. CEO Tom Fanning was invited, a source said, but Fanning is scheduled to speak at the Mid-American Regulatory Conference in Chicago this afternoon.

While the meeting is expected to focus on the Obama-era power plant emissions rule, one of the sources said other energy issues may come up.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** EPA's proposal for dealing with the Clean Power Plan is currently under review at the White House Office of Management and Budget. It is unclear whether EPA will propose a full repeal of the rule before potentially replacing it, or if the agency will instead seek to drastically scale it back through a new rulemaking.

*Esther Whieldon contributed to this report.*

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**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Alex Guillen
**Sent:** Thur 6/15/2017 12:48:53 AM
**Subject:** RE: Former Arizona environmental chief tapped for EPA operations job

Got it, thanks, will pass along to my editors.

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 8:40 PM
**To:** Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Former Arizona environmental chief tapped for EPA operations job

Can you please add the following to your article:

"With his leadership and expertise, Henry Darwin will be vital to this Administration's plans to implement a positive environmental agenda and provide real results to the American people.

"He will deploy the same Lean Management System that he successfully deployed at the Arizona Department of Quality as its director. He will focus the Agency on providing value to taxpayers by helping us measure performance, improve our processes and solve the issues that matter to Americans." - Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson

Alex Guillén

06/14/2017 06:58 PM EDT

Arizona's former environmental chief has been tapped to be EPA's "chief of operations," according to a release from Gov. Doug Ducey's office.

Henry Darwin has been the state's chief operating officer since 2015, and is also acting director of the state's Department of Economic Security. Before that he spent five years as director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Darwin will remain in his Arizona post until June 30.

It is not clear what the job of chief of operations entails, or how it is different from deputy administrator, who traditionally runs day-to-day operations at EPA. Agency spokespeople today did not immediately answer questions about the position.

In 2014, Darwin testified before Congress that he did not believe EPA had the authority to regulate greenhouse gases as EPA did under its Clean Power Plan. He has a degree in engineering from the University of Arizona and a law degree from Lewis & Clark College.

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**From:** Davenport, Coral
**Sent:** Tue 6/13/2017 9:28:52 PM
**Subject:** Re: q on CPP rollback & endangerment finding

OK, got it. Again, don't need quotes, just want to see if there's anything we can use, on background, to (carefully and accurately) describe the legal strategy that's coming together.

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 5:26 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, let me see if I can flag down a legal guy on background – but I would say (off the record) that I don't think that he intends to pursue anything right now – I think it was just one option to consider.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:24 PM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

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moving source endangerment finding -- there is *not* a legal foundation for regulating CO2 from stationary sources.

This is my understanding of his strategy based on the notes I took when he explained it. Would be happy -- would even welcome -- talking to a member of the legal team to make sure we're all square on my understanding and description of this. Again, don't need quotes, just want to be able to describe the expected strategy.

Would that work?

Cheers,

cd

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Also need to work on logistics on our end, but we are aiming to tape the NYT podcast on June 21 (hopefully you can join).

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**From:** Dennis, Brady
**Sent:** Thur 6/8/2017 11:13:11 PM
**Subject:** Re: CPP

Thanks for trying. Appreciate it.

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On Jun 8, 2017, at 7:08 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, I will send to him...trying to set up a call for tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com> wrote:

Hey, just following up as promised. Here are some of the topics I'd like to ask Admin. Pruitt about re: Superfund:

--West Lake: How did that spot get on his radar screen? Why did he choose to cite that as an example?

--Some concerns I've heard about Mr. Pruitt's promises to speed up cleanups: That the cleanups could be inadequate if done too hastily, and risks will remain. That centralizing decisions in the administrator's office could lead to decisions to let companies off with minimal cleanup requirements. Response to those?

--Budget questions: If the administration really wants to prioritize Superfund, why propose a 30% cut? (Some folks argue much of the administrative costs go to important things like investigating who's responsible for pollution and negotiating with companies involved, etc). When it comes to so-called "orphan" sites, where the EPA really is the only one left to clean up, how can you tackle those sites without adequate funding?

--Any detail on specific things he's hoping to change about the program would be helpful.

That's essentially it. Thanks again, Liz….

-brady

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 4:16 PM
**To:** Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
**Subject:** RE: CPP

Oh sorry; let me call you now…what number?

**From:** Dennis, Brady [mailto:Brady.Dennis@washpost.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 4:08 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CPP

Hey there. Still hoping to reach you about this Superfund story, which could run as soon as this weekend. Want to make sure to give a chance to comment…

Thx, brady

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**From:** Biesecker, Michael
**Sent:** Wed 6/7/2017 6:55:36 PM
**Subject:** RE: Comment for AP story

Thank you.

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:40 PM
**To:** Biesecker, Michael; Wilcox, Jahan
**Subject:** RE: Comment for AP story

Michael – That is not at all what Jahan meant…EPA Administrator Pruitt has answered this question many times, which I am underscoring for you, again, in my quote. If you want a specific response about what the President of the United States believes on climate change, or for an Administrative-wide policy in that regard, please reach out to the White House, who is best equipped to answer that question and provide you the information you need. Yes, Administrator Pruitt is headed to Italy to meet with environmental ministers.

"As Administrator Pruitt said in his confirmation hearing, he believes that the climate is changing and human activity impacts our changing climate. The ability to measure with precision the degree and extent of that impact, and what to do about it, are subject to continuing debate and dialogue." – Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson

**From:** Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017 1:51 PM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Comment for AP story

Are you saying the EPA can't articulate what the administration's policy is on climate change? You want me to print that?

We are also reaching out to the WH. It's up to you guys how you want to coordinate that

response.

Also, can you confirm on the record that Pruitt is headed to Italy next week for G7 meeting of environmental ministers?

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 07, 2017 1:47 PM
**To:** Biesecker, Michael; Bowman, Liz
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In regards to the Trump Administration's policy on climate change, I would direct that question to the White House.

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Liz, Jahan,

AP running a piece over the weekend about the Trump administration's wholesale rollback of Obama-era efforts to slow the pace of climate change. The story will include Trump/Pruitt abandoning the Paris accord and the Clean Power Plan, resumption of coal leases on federal lands, proposed spending cuts for climate research and monitoring, and the reconsideration of auto mileage standards.

Please comment on what the fundamental policy of this administration is regarding climate change? What, if anything, does the administration believe should be done about it, and what should the federal role be? Is there any timetable for the administration propose new standards to

regulate CO2, as required by the Supreme Court ruling in 2008?

Any response needs to come by tomorrow.

Thanks,

Michael

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**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Lori Robertson
**Sent:** Tue 6/6/2017 9:47:56 PM
**Subject:** RE: question on Scott Pruitt MTP appearance

Ok, thanks.

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No, that means you can use the information, but not attribute it to anyone at EPA or otherwise. It's to provide you with facts to inform your story.

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Liz – I just want to confirm that by "background," do you mean I can use the info and attribute to an EPA spokesperson, but not to you by name?

I always like to double-check, as people sometimes have different definitions of this.

Thanks,

Lori

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And the story is up now: http://wapo.st/2rjUvRS

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I can walk you through them over the phone after my breakfast meeting ...like 9:930?

Sent from my iPhone

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27 governors calls/meetings, 3+ environment commissioners, 6 ag commissioners, 3+ farm bureaus, 14+ mayors

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✓· **Pebble Mine:** EPA is allowing Pebble Mine to re-apply for a permit for mining and providing a fair opportunity for the company to apply.

**From:** Eilperin, Juliet [mailto:Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com]
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 7:31 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: following up

Sure, just call my cell, 202-302-3663.

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 7:17 AM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: following up

I can walk you through them over the phone after my breakfast meeting ...like 9:930?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2017, at 6:45 AM, Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com> wrote:

> Thanks, and do you happen to have a list of the more than two dozen significant regulatory actions? I ask because we've tracked a lot of them, obviously, but we don't have a comprehensive list. If it helps, I could send the ones I know offhand (it's about a dozen) and then you could mention the others. Thanks.
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> On Jun 2, 2017, at 6:27 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Juliet -- I have an updated list of some of the meetings below:
> >
> > 27 governors calls/meetings, 3+ environment commissioners, 6 ag commissioners, 3+ farm bureaus, 14+ mayors
> >
> > from my iPhone
> >
> > On Jun 1, 2017, at 11:04 PM, Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com> wrote:
> >
> > > Dear Liz,
> > >
> > > This is helpful, thanks. I'm just finishing a draft of the story now, so I will pop in this quote. Some of what you have below is already included in the piece, but I will look through whether there's more to weave in, and once I get some feedback from my editor (which should be first thing in the morning) I will check in once more.
> > >
> > > Best, Juliet
> > >
> > > **From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
> > > **Sent:** Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:01 PM
> > > **To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
> > > **Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject:** RE: following up

Hi Juliet – I am sorry for the late response, and I am not entirely sure this is what you are looking for, but I am going to provide you with some information that you can use on background, and a short quote you can use for the record, attributable to me. We can talk more tomorrow, but hopefully this is somewhat helpful. Thanks – Liz

**"Administrator Pruitt is implementing President Trump's executive orders to protect the environment, save manufacturing jobs and promote American energy independence." - Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson**

Additional information for background:

–□□□□□□□ Since being sworn in, EPA Administrator Pruitt has consulted with at least 22 bipartisan governors, 10 bipartisan Members of Congress, three foreign leaders, four state agriculture departments and over a dozen bipartisan organizations.

–□□□□□□□ In his first 100 days, Administrator Pruitt has spearheaded nearly two dozen significant regulatory reform actions

–□□□□□□□ Following the President's Energy Independence EO, Administrator Pruitt signed four notices to review and, if appropriate, to revise or rescind major, economically significant, burdensome rules the last Administration issued. This includes the so-called Clean Power Plan that threatens 400,000 U.S. jobs.

–□□□□□□□ EPA announced the agency's decision to review and reconsider the final rule that amends the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the steam electric power generating category under the Clean Water Act (ELG Rule), which costs an estimated $480 million annually.

–□□□□□□□ EPA is restoring states' important role in the regulation of water by reviewing the "Waters of the U.S." or WOTUS.

–□□□□□□□ Launched the EPA Regulatory Reform Task Force to undergo extensive reviews of the misaligned regulatory actions from the past administration.

–□□□□□□□ We are getting real results at cleaning up Superfund sites, including: East Chicago (IN), West Oakland (CA) and Pompton Lake (NJ).

–□□□□□□□ EPA opened the application process for EPA's WIFIA program; a low-risk loan for businesses that will provide $1 billion in credit to finance over $2 billion in water infrastructure investments.

**From:** Eilperin, Juliet [mailto:Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, June 1, 2017 7:40 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** following up

Dear Liz,

My apologizes for the somewhat hectic nature of our conversation, I know you had a very busy day.

As we discussed, we are writing about how the Administrator is having an impact on policy in the short time he's been in office. Much of this will be based on the public record, given his many policy announcements, as well as a couple of public comments. In terms of how we are describing this, part of this is because so much of what EPA did under Obama was through executive action, rather than legislation, and because the EPA agenda meshes closely with what Trump pledged to do on the campaign. But, as I mentioned, people inside and outside the administration have also noted that Pruitt's approach has contributed to the impact he's had. For example, our main story has a quote from a White House official referring to Pruitt and a couple of other opponents of the Paris accord by saying "They were presenting facts and figures… They were really important. That was the evidentiary case." That's the sort of description I was seeking for this story.

Even if it's under a tight deadline, I think it makes sense to try to capture--in more granular detail--how the Administrator has operated. I don't know what details you can provide—in the past we have often been able to get descriptions of how many interactions a Cabinet member has had with a president in a given period of time, for example, but I understand that you don't seem to have that information at hand. You seemed to be concerned that the story would depict the discussions about Paris as less than

deliberative; I don't think that's true, the consensus on all sides is that it was deliberative. But, as I've mentioned, this story is broader than just Paris.

I hope that helps clarify things, and let me know if you either want to try to talk later tonight, or perhaps continue the conversation via email.

Best, Juliet

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**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
**From:** Lubart, Jennie
**Sent:** Fri 6/2/2017 2:10:15 PM
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business MONDAY

AWESOME THANK YOU!

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**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 02, 2017 10:10 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business MONDAY

Hi Jennie – We are meeting this morning to go through the schedule and will let you know by this afternoon. Thank you – Liz

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 9:27 AM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business MONDAY
**Importance:** High

Hi

Hope you all are doing well! I wanted to see if EPA Administrator Pruitt can join us Monday on Varney any time 9am to noon eastern!

THANK YOU!

Jennie

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**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:03 PM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Thank you, Jennie! I'm sure we will be in touch again soon.

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:58 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

He was excellent and you were all wonderful to work with! Thank you so much for all your help!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 7:29 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks - can you clarify what you mean by Democratic counterparts? Do you mean obstruction from democrats in congress?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On May 17, 2017, at 7:07 AM, Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:
>
>> One thing we will ask is
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>> -You have an aggressive agenda but are not seeing any help from democratic counterparts. How are you going to cut regulations when problems in DC could delay your agenda?
>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On May 16, 2017, at 5:49 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>>> Jennie – Here is more background on the topics the Administrator plans to discuss tomorrow at 9:15. Let us know if we should be prepared for any additional questions.
>
>>> **OBAMA EPA:**
>
>>> 1. When it comes to closing down contaminated Superfund sites, we inherited

over 1,300 sites; the Obama Administration only cleaned up a handful.

2. When it comes to commonsense regulations, the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule are reasons why Obama's EPA let us down.

3. Obama's own administration said they dropped the ball at Gold King Mine. The release resulted in three million gallons of water with acid mine drainage containing heavy metals like arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury spilling into the river and turning it yellow.

**NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE**

- What are we doing? **Getting back to the basics.**

- Focusing on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Investing in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.

- Last week Administrator Pruitt announced a new directive to prioritize and streamline Superfund cleanup at sites with remedies costing $50 million or more. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-announces-new-directive-prioritize-superfund-cleanups

**EAST CHICAGO**

- Last month, Administrator Pruitt visited the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.

- He was the first EPA Administrator to visit the Superfund site that was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in

2009.

- Administrator Pruitt met with residents who are concerned with contamination in their community and listened to their concerns.

- He issued a joint statement with Indiana's Governor, Senators and local officials pledging improved communication and coordination.

- EPA has taken steps to expedite cleanup at Superfund site under Administrator Pruitt's leadership. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-visits-contaminated-site-east-chicago-pledges-coordinated-cleanup

- **Washington Examiner: EPA's Pruitt, lawmakers recommit to public trust in East Chicago:** http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epas-pruitt-lawmakers-recommit-to-public-trust-in-east-chicago/article/2622262

**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:17 PM
**To:** 'Lubart, Jennie' <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hi, Jennie. Yes, that works. Lincoln and Liz copied here will be your POC for the interview.

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:15 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz

<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Sorry I got old emails confused perfect does 9:15am et work

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jennie – The Administrator can come on at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow to discuss the real reforms the Trump Administration is taking to help communities that were poorly served by the last administration – East Chicago for example. Administrator Pruitt has been outspoken about the lack of environmental accomplishments under the Obama Administration, calling President Obama "no environmental savior," and he would like to expand on these comments. I'm including a few articles below as background.

Please send along the details as soon as possible. You are located in the same building as Fox, correct?

Thank you,

Amy

**Hugh Hewitt Radio: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On The New Direction At The E.P.A.**

"I mean, the past administration is viewed as the environmental savior. But when you look at air attainment in this country, we're at 40% non-attainment right now on ozone. About 140 million people live in non-attainment areas for air quality, under air quality programs. Superfund sites, we have more today than when President Obama came into office. Water infrastructure, you had Flint and you had Gold King. And so what's, and the regulations that they issued on carbon, they failed twice. They struck out twice. So when you look at their record, what exactly did they accomplish for the environment that folks are so excited about? You know, we're coming in

trying to focus on a back to basics agenda to say look, it's unacceptable for the Westlake facility in St. Louis, Missouri to languish on a national priority list for 20-plus years. It's time for leadership."

**The Hill: EPA chief: Obama was no 'environmental savior'**

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tore into former President Barack Obama's environmental record Thursday, saying he failed in important areas… Scott Pruitt accused the Obama administration of "poor leadership" and "poor focus," resulting in bad air quality, more contaminated sites under the Superfund cleanup program, and water pollution crises.

**Washington Times: EPA chief Pruitt: Obama no 'environmental savior,' past administration accomplished nothing**

In a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure.

**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:32 PM
**To:** 'Lubart, Jennie' <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Okay, will let you know asap.

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:27 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Open to topics can discuss wash times editorial how past administration accomplished nothing!

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**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:26 PM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hi Jennie – Let me check on his availability. What would the topic be?

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:18 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hi

I see Director Pruitt is fox and friends tomorrow any chance he can join us on Varney afterwards any time from 9am to noon eastern!

Many Thanks

Jennie

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**From:** Lubart, Jennie
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 1:24 PM
**To:** 'Graham, Amy' <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow
**Importance:** High

HI

We wanted to see Director Pruitt can join us on Varney tomorrow at 11:15am or any time between 9am and noon eastern tomorrow to talk Paris Climate treaty!

Many thanks
Jennie

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**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 8:01 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Thanks for letting us know. Where exactly will your camera be in stat hall?

On May 3, 2017, at 7:53 AM, Lubart, Jennie
<Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

All set for today 9:45am in addition to first 100 days and accomplishments we will ask about

Plans to pull out of Paris Climate Accord?

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Richard Branson on Trump's coal plans article

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-partisan/wp/2017/05/02/richard-branson-on-trumps-coal-plans-i-cant-think-of-anything-more-stupid/?utm_term=.327739302e63

Also Stuart is out today so CHARLES PAYNE hosts

Thank u

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 11:18 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:43 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Perfect all set!

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:40 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Cc:** Graham, Amy
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

We will go to Stat Hall. We would like to do it from the Capitol because he's meeting with McConnell, Barrasso, Hoevan, Heitkamp and 6 Congressman that day. Thank you very much.

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:04 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Since Cannon is closed for renovations can he go to Stat Hall? We can also do our DC bureau whichever is easiest for him!

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:47 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Awesome, 9:45a works great. Can we do this from Cannon and do you know the exact location in Cannon for our scheduler?

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:41 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Yes we would love to have him on! Any chance 9:15 works or 9:45 at 9:30 the markets open so we always have to take that!

THANK YOU!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:40 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Subject:** Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hey Jennie –

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work for Scott Pruitt at the EPA. Tomorrow, Mr. Pruitt is going to Capitol Hill for one-on-one meetings with various Senators and Congressmen including Leader McConnell, EPW Chairman Barrasso, Senator Hoevan and others about what we are accomplishing at the EPA and how we can work together.

Curious if Mr. Varney would like Pruitt on his program tomorrow around 9:30 AM to talk about his outreach to Capitol Hill and some of the accomplishments that we got done in the first 100 days?

**RESEARCH …**

**GEARING UP FOR DAY 100:** Energy and environmental issues offer perhaps the most concrete accomplishments for President Donald Trump to point to as he nears the 100-day mark of his presidency. He's signed four energy-related resolutions wiping out Obama-era rules, put in place Cabinet officials dedicated to rolling back other regulations and unleashed a steady stream of executive orders and photo ops designed to reach his promise of U.S. energy independence. But whether any of this turns into a lasting legacy for Trump largely depends on what happens from here. His Cabinet lacks the political staff to follow up on his efforts undo rules like EPA's Clean Power Plan and Waters of the U.S., and there will be years of litigation over every move undoing regulations on the books. And his actions appear to have awoken scores

of citizens opposed to his environmental deregulatory agenda (see below). More to come on this front as we near the actual date later this week. (Politico's Morning Energy, 04/24/17)

**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)

**EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt toured lead-contaminated areas in East Chicago.** "During Pruitt's visit, his first to a Superfund site since being appointed administrator, he toured the Calumet neighborhood, met with local, state and federal officials, and talked with residents and community members about how the lead and arsenic contamination has affected their lives. 'The reason I'm here is that it's important that we restore confidence to people here in this community that we're going to get it right,' Pruitt said. The EPA's objective is to come in and make sure people's health is protected, and that their land and health are secure in the long run, Pruitt said. 'We're committed to doing that,' Pruitt said." (Chicago Tribune, 04/19/17)

**The NAACP praised Pruitt for visiting the East Chicago Superfund Site and said they are cautiously optimistic about the EPA's Administrator.** "It was the first superfund site EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has visited -- making a trip there Wednesday -- and the agency said he was the first administrator to visit this particular site. Pruitt visited "to discuss cleanup and hear directly from East Chicago residents affected by contamination in their community," the agency said in a press release. At a press conference, local officials praised Pruitt for visiting the site … Barbara Bolling-Williams, state president of the Indiana branch of the NAACP, said she is cautiously optimistic following Pruitt's visit." (CNN, 04/19/17)

**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)

**EPA committed additional funds surround the Gold King Mine release, bringing the total to $29 million.** "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has provided over $90,000 in additional reimbursements to five entities in Colorado and Utah for their costs incurred responding to the August 5, 2015, Gold King Mine release." (Press Release, 03/16/17)

**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)

**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)

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**California's Brown defies Trump on world stage**

By David Siders

06/01/2017 06:21 PM EDT

LOS ANGELES — For the past two years, California Gov. Jerry Brown has been aggressively recruiting other state and local governments to sign onto their own, sub-national climate pact.

But that campaign has taken new urgency under President Donald Trump, who announced Thursday that he'll withdraw the United States from the Paris climate agreement. It's a reflection of the roiling conflict between the president and the nation's most populous state, but also the ambition of a governor who, after a lifetime in politics, is seizing an unexpected opening on an international stage.

"I'm on the side of the angels," the former Jesuit seminarian said in an interview before flying on Friday to China, where he will rally support for his climate policies next week. "I'm going to do everything I can, and people are going to join with me."

Brown, now 79 and in his final term, has long championed environmental causes, promoting conservation and smog-related policies when he was governor before, from 1975 to 1983, and overseeing a dramatic expansion of California's greenhouse gas reduction standards since returning to office in 2011. Roughly 170 jurisdictions, including Canada and Mexico, have endorsed Brown's non-binding agreement embracing efforts to limit global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius, the threshold beyond which many scientists predict catastrophic consequences.

But world leaders, not governors, sign international agreements with the force of law, and for years Brown was relegated to a supporting role. Only after the election of Trump, who has called climate change a hoax, did Brown's climate diplomacy find new prominence as a counterweight to a Republican-held White House.

"If Obama was still in office, this phenomenon would not be occurring," said former California Gov. Gray Davis, Brown's one-time chief of staff. "But Jerry keeps pushing ... People, when they think of climate change, see Jerry Brown as a legitimate alternative [to Washington]. It's not make believe. It's real."

For a politician, Davis said, "Timing is everything in life."

Brown, who has called climate change the "existential threat" to humanity, has at times questioned whether it is too late to avert calamity. While campaigning for Hillary Clinton last year, he said it would be "game over" for climate change if Trump won.

But last week, when it remained unclear whether Trump would withdraw from the Paris agreement, Brown predicted that the president is a political "realist" and that progress on the issue may be "not as disastrous as we thought a few months ago." Trump had visited the Vatican, where Brown spoke about climate change in 2015, and was pressed by European leaders to remain in the accord.

If Brown, like the Europeans, was seeking to nudge Trump with his remarks, he abandoned all niceties after news of Trump's decision emerged.

Following Trump's Rose Garden announcement Thursday, Brown told reporters, "Today's announcement is tragic in a fundamental way. But it's also, I guess, to be expected."

He called the withdrawal "insane" and said, "California will resist."

Brown and the governors of New York and Washington said they would establish a coalition of states committed to upholding the Paris accord, while 27 California state senators sent a letter to Brown urging him to convene a climate summit with "like-minded states and subnationals from around the world, to ensure that we continue to charge ahead without forfeiting all of our historic progress to date."

California has long served as a model on climate change policy, sharing extensive regulatory experience with bureaucrats abroad. Severin Borenstein, an energy economist at University of California, Berkeley, said, "What California does isn't just sort of closely watched. In some cases, it is just photocopied into other states and other countries."

But Trump's disengagement from international climate politics has left open a political opportunity for Brown, with climate-minded politicians abroad running into resistance in Washington seeking other partnerships in the United States. Even if Trump had remained in the Paris accord, his rejection of mainstream climate science was broadly seen as increasing the significance of climate change efforts at the local and state level, with California at the forefront.

"The absence of a real federal policy has created a vacuum, a hunger overseas for what are Americans doing on climate change. And into that hunger, Jerry Brown offers a menu," said David Victor, a professor of international relations at the University of California, San Diego, and author of the book "Global Warming Gridlock." "He's just kind of nominated himself. But I think that's the nature of the business."

In his feud with Trump, Brown has been aided by the president's myriad domestic controversies and low public approval rating — and by the freedom a governor can exercise in his final term.

When he last visited China, in 2013, California was emerging from a budget crisis and Brown devoted much of his attention to trade-related concerns. This time, he is expected to focus almost exclusively on climate, participating in a global climate summit and meeting with high-level Chinese officials, possibly including President Xi Jinping.

Earlier in his governorship, said Orville Schell, director of the Center on U.S.-China Relations at the Asia Society in New York, Brown "had just sort of begun to clean up the financial mess in the state, and he was just beginning to look out. But he hadn't fully developed this idea, which is now in sort of full fledge, that California ought to start acting like a country."

"He didn't have the pretention that the state should or could play a global role," said Schell, who wrote a biography of Brown in 1978 and remains in contact with him. "It's relatively recently that he's thought, 'My God, I'm a pilot of a supertanker in its own right that's bigger than most countries in the world. Let's put this baby to the test."

Brown, who ran unsuccessfully for president three times but is now seeking no higher office, has little to lose. His public approval rating remains high in a heavily Democratic state that contributed significantly to Trump's loss of the popular vote last year, and the state legislature has pushed forward with a raft of climate legislation to gird against Trump administration policies.

Earlier this week, the state Senate passed one bill requiring utilities to obtain 100 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2045 and another folding Obama-era water, air and engendered species standards into state law, preserving them in California regardless of reversals at the federal level.

According to a Public Policy Institute of California poll in February, more than six in 10 Californians support state action to address global warming. Bill Whalen, a research fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and former speechwriter for Gov. Pete Wilson, said Brown "could basically go to Beijing and dance on table tops and there wouldn't be much hell to pay back home."

Still, Trump is capable of punishing force in any collision with Brown. Earlier this year, the president directed administration officials to begin dismantling Obama's Clean Power Plan, and his administration has left open the possibility that it could revoke California's authority to set its own, more rigorous clean air standards under a federal waiver from the Clean Air Act.

Defending a massive cut proposed by Trump to the EPA, OMB director Mick Mulvaney dismissed climate change programs as "a waste of your money" and said the administration is "not spending money on that anymore."

Brown demurred this week when asked if he considers himself a leader in the climate-related resistance to Trump, saying, "I'm not going to characterize my role here." But he lamented the passage of time since he attended a landmark climate summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

"Now we're 25 years later, we're four presidents later, and it's time we got going," he said. "People know what the science is telling them, and we're not going to make it in any kind of prosperous way if we don't reverse this carbon dependency."

As for what he will tell Chinese officials about his adversary back home, Brown said, "I don't think I'll have much to say about the president."

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Nope, have to make it a lead. That's what Paul wants. Just need more granular detail. Reporting now.

On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 10:33 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Mary. I appreciate you working with Amy and our team on this piece. We hope to provide you with enough detail for a lead piece, but we understand if it can't be the lead.

**From:** Mary Kissel [mailto:mary.kissel@wsj.com]
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Thanks. Need to chat with Paul re the case studies. Not sure we have enough detail for a lead editorial. Will advise.

Sent from Mary's iPhone

On Jun 1, 2017, at 8:12 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Mary - We have an updated figure for the total number of Superfund sites on the National Priorities List -- the number of sites as of today is 1337.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2017, at 7:40 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mary – Including below the additional information you requested. Again, this is on background:

Here is a link to the performance measures we discussed:

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-remedial-performance-measures

Here is the graphic about construction completions:

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At East Chicago: EPA cleaned up 50 properties in 2016, 200 properties in 2017 and anticipates cleaning up 400 more properties in 2018 and 2019, excluding the housing complex property in zone 1.

At West Lake, MO there is no indication of the hazardous waste threatening properties beyond the Superfund site.

Mathy Stanislaus was the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management from 2009 to 2017. https://www.linkedin.com/in/mathy-stanislaus-70819886

History of Superfund: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-history

NPL sites correlated to Presidential Administrations

1984-538 sites

1988-797 sites (+259 Reagan)

1992-1183 sites (+386 George HW Bush)

1996-1211 sites

2000-1232 sites (+49 Clinton)

2004-1239 sites

2008-1257 sites (+25 George W Bush)

2012-1313 sites

2016-1337 sites (+80 Obama)

In total there have been 393 sites deleted from the NPL over the years. From 2001 to 2008, 104 sites were deleted from the NPL. In the Obama Administration, there were 61 sites deleted from the NPL.

Albert Kelly's title is Senior Advisor to the Administrator. He brings a strong management component to the task force and will be working closely with the professionals in the Superfund initiative to make the Administrator's vision a success.

**From:** Graham, Amy
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Mary – There is one additional PRP at East Chicago that was not mentioned on the call - US smelter/USS lead

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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

First things first: *Extremely* grateful for everyone's time. Thank you.
Reconfirming the conversation was entirely on background.

I would love historical data (as far back as you can go) on:

Superfund funding

Superfund NPLs

"Construction completions"

Also:

Any data on # of people affected / size of area affected in three Superfund sites you mentioned

Albert bio -- to explain illustrate how the administrator is using private sector, real-world expertise

Bio of last administrator in charge of Superfund program (i.e. Obama era)

Of course any particularly egregious stories on why projects were delayed would help the editorial.

Again, a huge thanks for setting aside time at the end of your workday.

Best,

Mary.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 6:22 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Mary – Per our conversation, here is the list of Superfund sites: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/search-superfund-sites-where-you-live

Let us know what other questions you have and we are happy to help.

My cell is Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thanks,

Amy

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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

Thank you Amy, that's a great start. I need to explain in more detail, for instance, why West Lake has been on the list for 28 years. Which law firms were involved, what happened, etc. The websites just give outlines.

Paul wants this editorial tomorrow, so grateful for quick help. Happy to talk to folks on background, given these conversations are meant to inform our editorial page opinion.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 5:01 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mary – Here are a few examples for background purposes only. Liz is caught in a meeting so I will be leading the call in just a few moments.

1. USS Lead Superfund Site - East Chicago, Indiana: Administrator Pruitt is the first EPA Administrator to visit East Chicago, which was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009. He has pledged improved coordination, communication and cleanup of the site working alongside federal, state and local partners. Under Pruitt's leadership, EPA has taken actions to expedite cleanup, and today EPA announced the creation of a community involvement coordinator to serve as a director point of contact for East Chicago residents.

2. West Lake Landfill Superfund Site – Bridgeton, Missouri: This site has been on the National Priorities List (NPL) for 28 years. Administrator Pruitt has committed to a solution within a few months. While this is not finished or fixed even once a decision is made, it shows action to solve a problem that no one else has addressed in almost two decades. While we do not yet know the recommended solution, we are committed to getting this matter resolved.

3. The Anaconda Copper Mine – Nevada: This site was not put on the NPL list because a private/state solution was proposed. Administrator Pruitt met with Nevada Gov. Sandoval about the site to discuss brokering a deal with the PRP (Potentially Responsible Parties) to get the site cleaned up without having to have it added to the NPL – showing deference to the state and governor, and showing cooperative federalism.

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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

Maybe if they can just direct me to the name of the top 3 sites that have been in progress for decades? The most egregious examples? That would at least let me start doing research / reading.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 12:16 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Unfortunately all the staff who knows this issue are in a meeting this afternoon, that is why 5 p.m. is the earliest I can get them on the phone. If you have a few specific questions you want answered before 5, I can try to send them over email.

> **From:** Kissel, Mary [mailto:mary.kissel@wsj.com]
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> **Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

> Also please let me know if I can speak to a staffer on background before 5pm. Would help with the editorial.

> On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 11:25 AM, Kissel, Mary <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

> > Yes, I will take whatever time you have.

In the meantime, if possible, please send me some info on the top 3 Superfund sites that need cleaning up. . . I would like to give detailed examples of, say, sites that have been neglected for decades. Paul wants detailed stories on these sites. (If you already sent this to me, apologies. Or just point me to websites.)

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 11:23 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> I am sorry but the only time we can do now is 5pm. Is that okay?
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 31, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Kissel, Mary <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:
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>> Liz, correction: Fox now wants me at 12:50pm. Will be finished by 1pm. Possible to do a call after that?
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>> On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 8:03 AM, Mary Kissel <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:
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>>> Should work. On Fox 12pm. May not have time to review everything by noon but will try! Let's do it.
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Liz, this is terrific. Thank you. Paul wants a lead editorial, with specific explanations of why some Superfund sites have been around for decades... will go through this material in detail tomorrow morning. Possible to chat to someone on background tomorrow afternoon if I have follow up questions? Again, thanks so much for the help during what I'm sure is a busy week.

Sent from Mary's iPhone

On May 30, 2017, at 7:59 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Mary – Sorry for the delay. I apologize for just now responding; I had to track down a few folks to confirm numbers. It was nice to meet you and we look forward to continuing to work together. As Administrator Pruitt outlined in our meeting at the WSJ, he is very committed to restoring the rule of law and cooperative federalism at EPA. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 202-309-3416 – Thanks again, Liz
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> **Background on Superfunds and Air Attainment:**
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> EPA's Superfund, Brownfields, and water infrastructure programs are key to helping bring EPA

back to the basics; areas that all fell by the wayside under Obama. Administrator Pruitt is committed to getting Superfund sites remediated and back to the community. We are currently looking for ways to better utilize all available tools and resources to clean up more contaminated lands faster so that communities are made safer and put back into productive use. We have recently made two big announcements on our Superfunds program, including a new Task Force, and a new directive reserving the power to select remedies estimated to cost $50 million or more with the Administrator, and instructing EPA Regions to work more closely with the Administrator's Office throughout the remedy development process.

The notion that streamlining and improving the Superfund program will somehow lead to less protective or effective cleanups is false. Applicable regulations require us to select remedies that will be protective to human health and the environment based on the anticipated future use of the site and other criteria. That isn't changing as a part of this initiative. Unlike the previous administration that failed to prioritize the Superfund program,

Administrator Pruitt is providing real leadership that will lead to better results at Superfund sites across the country.

Air attainment goes directly to the health of the American people, and we are committed to working with states and localities to improving air quality for citizens.

**Past EPA vs. New EPA – We are committed to solutions and results, *not talking points and bumper stickers***

- WATER: When it comes to protecting our water, Flint is one example why Obama's EPA let us down.

- AIR: Obama issued 54 FIPS, compared to five from the three administrations prior.
- AIR: Air attainment: Under Obama, 24 states had areas that did not meet air quality standards – instead of taking them to the goal line, he moved the goal post – now we have 31 states in nonattainment
- AIR: CO2 – the Obama Administration struck out twice

○ Tailoring Rule &
Clean Power Plan

- LAND: It's very clear this was not a top-priority, or priority in general, from the previous administration because of the little progress made in eight years. There are more than 1,300 sites on the National Priorities List, many of which have been on the list for decades.

**WATER**

- For example, when you look at Flint, Michigan, top officials at the EPA received a warning from an EPA employee in Michigan. Not only did the top EPA officials downplay his warning, they allegedly retaliated against him for alerting them.

- According to the Detroit News, this heroic EPA employee described the EPA as a cesspool for officials' reluctant to act on what he perceived as an obvious public health threat.

**AIR**

- Under Obama 24 states had areas that did not meet the 2008 air quality standards and instead of working with them, he set a more stringent standard (moved the goal post)

complicating those 24 states ability to comply while increasing the number of states that face nonattainment consequences to 31.

- Clean Air Act/SSM SIP: Administrator Pruitt's EPA has asked the court to postpone oral arguments over an Obama-era rule making 36 states rework their Clean Air Act compliance plans.

- Ozone Standard: Administrator Pruitt's EPA has requested delay of oral arguments on the ozone standard.

- With regard to Clean Air Act FIPs, the previous three presidential administrations (George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush) together imposed five total Clean Air FIPs (Federal Implementation Plans). Obama's EPA, in contrast, imposed 54 total Clean Air Act FIPs, of which, fifteen pertain to Regional Haze.

o This is from testimony to house science committee in March 2016 by William Yeatman (CEI). Here is link: https://science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/H114-SY18-WState-WYeatman-20160323.pdf

o The Chamber included it in a report too (see page 25): https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/documents/files/022879_etra_ep

## LAND

- A Superfund site generally refers to those sites, either land or water, that are the most contaminated by hazardous waste and identified by the EPA as a candidate for cleanup by those who are responsible for the contamination, and if none can be identified, then by EPA using taxpayer money because the site poses a risk to human health and/or the environment. There are currently over 1,300 sites on the so-called National Priority List of Superfund sites that are located across the country.

- **It's very clear this was not a top-priority, or priority in general, from the previous administration because of the little progress made in eight years.** The two common metrics are the number of sites that were deleted from the National Priority List or sites where construction of the remedy has been completed. According to this site < https://www.epa.gov/superfund/deleted-national-priorities-list-npl-sites-deletion-date>, it looks like EPA deleted 60 sites since 2009. Also, according to this site < https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-remedial-performance-measures#cc_anchor>, EPA has completed construction at about 125 sites since 2009.

- One of Pruitt's first trips

was to visit the East Chicago Superfund site, because he wanted to see and hear first-hand from the people who've been counting on us to help them.

**COMMON-SENSE REGULATIONS**

- Unlike the previous administration, we can have commonsense regulations that protects that environment and without hurting our economy.

- For example, if President Obama's so-called Clean Power Plan was implemented, even by the previous Administration's own estimates, it would've reduced the rise in sea level by the thickness of two pieces of hair and the global temperature would be reduced by .01°F, while killing 125,000 American jobs.

- Another example is the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, where the EPA vastly extended the reach of federal jurisdiction to isolated bodies of water that lack a direct surface connection to navigable waters or are dry for large parts of the year.

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Just following up. Our deadline is 4pm, so I'm starting to get squeezed. Appreciate anything you can send through, even if it's in multiple emails, thank you!

Also happy to talk with someone on background if that's faster. I'm on 212.416.3121.

Best,

Mary.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 12:14 PM, Kissel, Mary <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

J.P. and Liz,

Hello from the WSJ editorial page in NYC. Quickly: I've just been given a green light to editorialize about Obama's Superfund / Clean Air record and to explicate what Pruitt is trying to do. Any way I can get stats from your team today and / or have a background chat? I'd like to file today, while Paul (the boss) is interested. Contact details below.

Best,

Mary.

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Thanks very much. For whom did Albert work, exactly?

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Here is the graphic about construction completions:

<image001.png>

At East Chicago: EPA cleaned up 50 properties in 2016, 200 properties in 2017 and anticipates cleaning up 400 more properties in 2018 and 2019, excluding the housing complex property in zone 1.

At West Lake, MO there is no indication of the hazardous waste threatening properties beyond the Superfund site.

Mathy Stanislaus was the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Land and Emergency Management from 2009 to 2017. https://www.linkedin.com/in/mathy-stanislaus-70819886

History of Superfund: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-history

NPL sites correlated to Presidential Administrations

1984-538 sites

1988-797 sites (+259 Reagan)

1992-1183 sites (+386 George HW Bush)

1996-1211 sites

2000-1232 sites (+49 Clinton)

2004-1239 sites

2008-1257 sites (+25 George W Bush)

2012-1313 sites

2016-1337 sites (+80 Obama)

In total there have been 393 sites deleted from the NPL over the years. From 2001 to 2008, 104 sites were deleted from the NPL. In the Obama Administration, there were 61 sites deleted from the NPL.

Albert Kelly's title is Senior Advisor to the Administrator. He brings a strong management component to the task force and will be working closely with the professionals in the Superfund initiative to make the Administrator's vision a success.

**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 7:35 PM
**To:** 'Kissel, Mary' <mary.kissel@wsj.com>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: WSJ editorial page

Mary – There is one additional PRP at East Chicago that was not mentioned on the call - US smelter/USS lead

**From:** Kissel, Mary [mailto:mary.kissel@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 6:30 PM
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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

First things first: *Extremely* grateful for everyone's time. Thank you. Reconfirming the conversation was entirely on background.

I would love historical data (as far back as you can go) on:

Superfund funding

Superfund NPLs

"Construction completions"

Also:

Any data on # of people affected / size of area affected in three Superfund sites you mentioned

Albert bio -- to explain illustrate how the administrator is using private sector, real-world expertise

Bio of last administrator in charge of Superfund program (i.e. Obama era)

Of course any particularly egregious stories on why projects were delayed would help the editorial.

Again, a huge thanks for setting aside time at the end of your workday.

Best,

Mary.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 6:22 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Mary – Per our conversation, here is the list of Superfund sites:
https://www.epa.gov/superfund/search-superfund-sites-where-you-live

Let us know what other questions you have and we are happy to help.

My cell is Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thanks,

Amy

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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

Thank you Amy, that's a great start. I need to explain in more detail, for instance, why West Lake has been on the list for 28 years. Which law firms were involved, what happened, etc. The websites just give outlines.

Paul wants this editorial tomorrow, so grateful for quick help. Happy to talk to folks on background, given these conversations are meant to inform our editorial page opinion.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 5:01 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mary – Here are a few examples for background purposes only. Liz is caught in a meeting so I will be leading the call in just a few moments.

1. USS Lead Superfund Site - East Chicago, Indiana: Administrator Pruitt is the first EPA Administrator to visit East Chicago, which was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009. He has pledged improved coordination, communication and cleanup of the site working alongside federal, state and local partners. Under Pruitt's leadership, EPA has taken actions to expedite cleanup, and today EPA announced the creation of a community involvement coordinator to serve as a director point of contact for East Chicago residents.

2. West Lake Landfill Superfund Site – Bridgeton, Missouri: This site has been on the National Priorities List (NPL) for 28 years. Administrator Pruitt has committed to a solution within a few months. While this is not finished or fixed even once a decision is made, it shows action to solve a problem that no one else has addressed in almost two decades. While we do not yet know the recommended solution, we are committed to getting this matter resolved.

3. The Anaconda Copper Mine – Nevada: This site was not put on the NPL list because a private/state solution was proposed. Administrator Pruitt met with Nevada Gov. Sandoval about the site to discuss brokering a deal with the PRP (Potentially Responsible Parties) to get the site cleaned up without having to have

it added to the NPL – showing deference to the state and governor, and showing cooperative federalism.

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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

Maybe if they can just direct me to the name of the top 3 sites that have been in progress for decades? The most egregious examples? That would at least let me start doing research / reading.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 12:16 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Unfortunately all the staff who knows this issue are in a meeting this afternoon, that is why 5 p.m. is the earliest I can get them on the phone. If you have a few specific questions you want answered before 5, I can try to send them over email.
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> **From:** Kissel, Mary [mailto:mary.kissel@wsj.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:56 AM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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> **Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page
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> Also please let me know if I can speak to a staffer on background before 5pm. Would help with the editorial.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 11:25 AM, Kissel, Mary <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

Yes, I will take whatever time you have.

In the meantime, if possible, please send me some info on the top 3 Superfund sites that need cleaning up. . . I would like to give detailed examples of, say, sites that have been neglected for decades. Paul wants detailed stories on these sites. (If you already sent this to me, apologies. Or just point me to websites.)

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 11:23 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

I am sorry but the only time we can do now is 5pm. Is that okay?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 31, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Kissel, Mary <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

Liz, correction: Fox now wants me at 12:50pm. Will be finished by 1pm. Possible to do a call after that?

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 8:03 AM, Mary Kissel <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

Should work. On Fox 12pm. May not have time to review everything by noon but will try! Let's do it.

Sent from Mary's iPhone

On May 31, 2017, at 8:01 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

We can do a background call at 12:30pm, does that work for you?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 30, 2017, at 8:03 PM, Mary Kissel <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

Liz, this is terrific. Thank you. Paul wants a lead editorial, with specific explanations of why some Superfund sites have been around for decades... will go through this material in detail tomorrow morning. Possible to chat to someone on background tomorrow afternoon if I have follow up questions? Again, thanks so much for the help during what I'm sure is a busy week.

Sent from Mary's iPhone

On May 30, 2017, at 7:59 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mary – Sorry for the delay. I apologize for just now responding; I had to track down a few folks to confirm numbers. It was nice to meet you and we look forward to continuing to work together. As Administrator Pruitt outlined in our meeting at the WSJ, he is very committed to restoring the rule of law and cooperative federalism at EPA. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 202-309-3416 – Thanks again, Liz

**Background on Superfunds and Air Attainment:**

EPA's Superfund, Brownfields, and water infrastructure programs are key to helping bring EPA back to the basics; areas that all fell by the wayside under Obama. Administrator Pruitt is committed to getting Superfund sites remediated and back to the community. We are currently

looking for ways to better utilize all available tools and resources to clean up more contaminated lands faster so that communities are made safer and put back into productive use. We have recently made two big announcements on our Superfunds program, including a new Task Force, and a new directive reserving the power to select remedies estimated to cost $50 million or more with the Administrator, and instructing EPA Regions to work more closely with the Administrator's Office throughout the remedy development process.

The notion that streamlining and improving the Superfund program will somehow lead to less protective or effective cleanups is false. Applicable regulations require us to select remedies that will be protective to human health and the environment based on the anticipated future use of the site and other criteria. That isn't changing as a part of this initiative. Unlike the previous administration that failed to prioritize the Superfund program, Administrator Pruitt is providing real leadership that will lead to better results at Superfund sites across the country.

Air attainment goes directly to the health of the American people, and we are committed to working with states and localities to improving air quality for citizens.

**Past EPA vs. New EPA – We are**

**committed to solutions and results, *not talking points and bumper stickers***

- WATER: When it comes to protecting our water, Flint is one example why Obama's EPA let us down.

  - AIR: Obama issued 54 FIPS, compared to five from the three administrations prior.
  - AIR: Air attainment: Under Obama, 24 states had areas that did not meet air quality standards – instead of taking them to the goal line, he moved the goal post – now we have 31 states in nonattainment
  - AIR: CO2 – the Obama Administration struck out twice
    - Tailoring Rule & Clean Power Plan

- LAND: It's very clear this was not a top-priority, or priority in general, from the previous administration because of the little progress made in eight years. There are more than 1,300 sites on the National Priorities List, many of which have been on the list for decades.

**WATER**

- For example, when you look at Flint, Michigan, top officials at the EPA received a warning from an EPA employee in Michigan. Not only did the top EPA officials downplay his warning, they allegedly retaliated against him for alerting them.

- According to the Detroit News, this heroic EPA employee described the EPA as a cesspool for officials' reluctant to act on what he perceived as an obvious public

health threat.

**AIR**

- Under Obama 24 states had areas that did not meet the 2008 air quality standards and instead of working with them, he set a more stringent standard (moved the goal post) complicating those 24 states ability to comply while increasing the number of states that face nonattainment consequences to 31.

- Clean Air Act/SSM SIP: Administrator Pruitt's EPA has asked the court to postpone oral arguments over an Obama-era rule making 36 states rework their Clean Air Act compliance plans.

- Ozone Standard: Administrator Pruitt's EPA has requested delay of oral arguments on the ozone standard.

- With regard to Clean Air Act FIPs, the previous three presidential administrations (George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush) together imposed five total Clean Air FIPs (Federal Implementation Plans). Obama's EPA, in contrast, imposed 54 total Clean Air Act FIPs, of which, fifteen pertain to Regional Haze.

o This is from testimony to house science committee in March 2016 by William Yeatman (CEI). Here is link: https://science.house.gov/sites/republicans.science.house.gov/files/documents/HHRC 114-SY18-WState-WYeatman-20160323.pdf

o The Chamber included it in a report too (see page 25):

https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/documents/files/022879_etra_epa_co

## LAND

- A Superfund site generally refers to those sites, either land or water, that are the most contaminated by hazardous waste and identified by the EPA as a candidate for cleanup by those who are responsible for the contamination, and if none can be identified, then by EPA using taxpayer money because the site poses a risk to human health and/or the environment. There are currently over 1,300 sites on the so-called National Priority List of Superfund sites that are located across the country.

- **It's very clear this was not a top-priority, or priority in general, from the previous administration because of the little progress made in eight years.** The two common metrics are the number of sites that were deleted from the National Priority List or sites where construction of the remedy has been completed. According to this site < https://www.epa.gov/superfund/deleted-national-priorities-list-npl-sites-deletion-date>, it looks like EPA deleted 60 sites since 2009. Also, according to this site < https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-remedial-performance-measures#cc_anchor>, EPA has completed construction at about 125 sites since 2009.

- One of Pruitt's first trips was to visit the East Chicago Superfund site, because he wanted to see and hear first-hand from the people who've been counting on us to help them.

## COMMON-SENSE REGULATIONS

- Unlike the previous administration, we can have commonsense regulations that protects that environment and without hurting our economy.

- For example, if President Obama's so-called Clean Power Plan was implemented, even by the previous Administration's own estimates, it would've reduced the rise in sea level by the thickness of two pieces of hair and the global temperature would be reduced by .01°F, while killing 125,000 American jobs.

- Another example is the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, where the EPA vastly extended the reach of federal jurisdiction to isolated bodies of water that lack a direct surface connection to navigable waters or are dry for large parts of the year.

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**Subject:** Re: WSJ editorial page

Just following up. Our deadline is 4pm, so I'm starting to get squeezed. Appreciate anything you can send through, even if it's in multiple emails, thank you!

Also happy to talk with someone on background if that's faster. I'm on 212.416.3121.

Best,

Mary.

On Tue, May 30, 2017 at 12:14 PM, Kissel, Mary <mary.kissel@wsj.com> wrote:

J.P. and Liz,

Hello from the WSJ editorial page in NYC. Quickly: I've just been given a green light to editorialize about Obama's Superfund / Clean Air record and to explicate what Pruitt is trying to do. Any way I can get stats from your team today and / or have a background chat? I'd like to file today, while Paul (the boss) is interested. Contact details below.

Best,

Mary.

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**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Sent:** Wed 5/24/2017 8:42:54 PM
**Subject:** Re: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Give me a couple minutes to set up to record it and I'll give you a call

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:35:38 PM
**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Subject:** RE: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Is now good?

**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie [mailto:Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:10 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

That works for now, I'm trying to coordinate with a colleague who wants to be on the call but she's in the field working on another story today

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**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
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**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie [mailto:Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:07 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Ok. We might have to push it back a little later, can you let me know her availability later than 4:30?

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**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
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Yes, sounds good…let's say 4:15. Please call me at 202-564-3293 when you are ready.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:54 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

We'll plan on after 4 then. Can we say 4:15 or 4:30 and I'll let you know if anything changes on our end?

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:47:28 AM
**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Subject:** RE: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Our CFO isn't available until 4 p.m. today to walk you through the budget and answer questions. We can either do 4 p.m. or you can email some questions for her to reply to while she is in meetings. Let me know what works for you.

**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie [mailto:Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:01 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: FW: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Great, thanks Liz. Are you free in the next hour or so?

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**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Subject:** FW: FW: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Hi Stephanie – We can answer your questions tomorrow; sorry for the delayed response.
Thanks – Liz

Thank you Tricia. Is anyone available this afternoon to answer questions?

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May 23, 2017

# EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

**WASHINGTON** –The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, announced today, provides $5.655 billion to help the agency protect human health and the environment. With a 31 percent cut from the FY 2017 Annualized Continuing Resolution, and a 30 percent reduction from the FY 2017 Enacted budget, the President's budget aims to reduce redundancies and inefficiencies and prioritize EPA's core statutory mission of providing Americans with clean air, land, and water.

"The President's budget respects the American taxpayer," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "This budget supports EPA's highest priorities with federal funding for priority work in infrastructure, air and water quality, and ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace."

DETAILS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDE:

**Supporting the President's Focus on the Nation's Infrastructure**
The infrastructure of the nation is not limited to roads and bridges. The infrastructure needs of our communities are broader. They include making improvements to drinking water and waste water infrastructure as well as a focus on cleaning up contaminated land. Efforts in the Superfund and Brownfields programs can lead to tangible benefits for communities: a cleaner environment and the redevelopment of sites back to beneficial or to new economic use, which is important to the economic well-being of communities and provides a new foundation for American greatness.

-- EPA's support for water infrastructure will be provided under the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. The FY 2018 budget includes $2.3 billion for the SRFs and $20 million for the WIFIA program. The WIFIA requires a small appropriation compared to its potential loan volume, demonstrating respect for the American taxpayer. Under WIFIA, EPA could potentially provide approximately $1 billion in credit assistance, which would spur an estimated $2 billion in total infrastructure investment.

-- In FY 2018, the Superfund Remedial program provides $342 million to support states, local communities and tribes in their efforts to assess and cleanup many of the worst contaminated sites in the United States and return them to productive use. EPA will maximize appropriated dollars by reducing administrative costs, identifying efficiencies, and prioritizing the cleanup of sites where funds are available from existing settlements with responsible parties.

-- In FY 2018, EPA is investing over $118 million in support for Brownfields to help communities oversee, assess, safely cleanup and redevelop brownfield properties. The cleanup and reuse of contaminated lands often can play a role in economically revitalizing a community.

**Improving America's Air Quality**
EPA's FY 2018 budget of $448 million provides funding to better manage and support air quality with stakeholders through common sense standards, guidelines,

and grant assistance. The budget focuses on air quality efforts and on making progress toward increased attainment. Most notably, $100 million is allotted to perform key activities in support of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). It discontinues funding of the Clean Power Plan, climate change research, and partnership programs. $139 million in program eliminations and $95 million in major programmatic changes will reorient the agency efforts in addressing air quality.

**Ensuring Clean and Safe Water**
EPA is requesting $83.7 million in drinking water programs to continue to partner with states, drinking water utilities, and other stakeholders to identify and address current and potential sources of drinking water contamination. These efforts are integral to the sustainable infrastructure efforts because source water protection can reduce the need for additional drinking water treatment and associated costs.

The FY 2018 budget includes $193 million to support work in surface water protection and wetlands programs. EPA will continue to provide scientific water quality criteria information, review and approve state water quality standards, and review and approve state lists of impaired waters. In FY 2018, the agency will continue to work with states and other partners on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) as required by the Clean Water Act, as well as on other waterbody restoration plans for listed impaired waterbodies. EPA also will continue to implement and support core water quality programs that control point-source discharges through permitting and pre-treatment programs. Over $651 million in program eliminations, including Geographic Programs and non-point source grants, and $115 million in major programmatic changes will focus the agency's water programs on addressing core statutory requirements and national priorities. Responsibility for funding local environmental efforts is returned to State and local entities.

**Keeping America's Environment Safe from Toxic Chemicals**
EPA's chemical safety programs are integral to maintaining environmental and human health. In FY 2018, EPA requests a total of $296 million to strengthen the capability of EPA, other regulators, and the public to assess chemical hazards and potential exposures, identify potential risks to human health and the environment and take appropriate risk management action.

In FY 2018, increased resources will support the agency's significant continuing and new responsibilities for ensuring that new and existing chemicals are evaluated in a timely manner. EPA will work aggressively to complete additional chemical risk assessments from the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Work Plan list of existing chemicals and meet its requirement to review all current pesticide registrations by 2022. The agency also is implementing fee-based funding as is envisioned in the statute. The agency will continue efforts to reduce risk and ensure that safety and compliance, including on-going pesticides licensing efforts. Program eliminations totaling nearly $53 million combined with nearly $60 million in other major program changes, including research programs, will focus federal resources

on highest national priorities and core statutory requirements.

**Supporting State and Tribal Partners**
Effective environmental protection is a joint effort of EPA, states and our tribal partners. EPA must work collectively with states and tribes as the primary implementers of EPA's statutory obligations. Realizing the value of these partnerships, for FY 2018, EPA is requesting $597 million in funding for State and Tribal Assistance Categorical Grants. These levels are in line with the broader strategy of streamlining environmental protection and focusing federal investment in core statutory programs. The agency will work with states and tribes to target core grant resources and provide flexibility to address their specific priorities.

**Reducing and Eliminating Programs**
As careful stewards of the taxpayer's resources, we will look to attack fraud, waste, and abuse. Also, EPA will continue to examine its programs to identify those that create unnecessary redundancies or those that have served their purpose and accomplished their mission. The FY 2018 President's Budget identifies and eliminates a number of programs totaling over $1 billion. Details can be found in EPA FY 2018 Congressional Justification:https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/fy2018.

EPA's FY 2018 budget request includes the elimination of $427 million in Geographic Program funding. Recognizing the progress that has been made to date, these eliminations return responsibility for funding local environmental efforts to state and local entities. EPA will encourage states, tribes, and communities to continue to make progress from within core EPA program funding. In addition, nearly $30 million in locally focused funds for infrastructure projects on Alaska Native Villages and on the US Mexico Border are not requested in this budget; however, these types of projects may be eligible for funding under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

For more information on EPA's FY 2018 proposed budget, please visit https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/fy2018

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Found what I was looking for. Pardon inconvenience

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**Cc:** 'Bowman, Liz'
**Subject:** RE: EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

Hi Tricia,

Does the Trump administration still intend to cut 3,200 jobs in this budget proposal? Perhaps I'm missing it (the budget tables are dizzying), but wanted to check in case. Please let me know if there's an employment target and what the number is at your soonest.

Thanks.

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# EPA Budget Returns Focus to Core Statutory Mission

**WASHINGTON** –The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, announced today, provides $5.655 billion to help the agency protect human health and the environment. With a 31 percent cut from the FY 2017 Annualized Continuing Resolution, and a 30 percent reduction from the FY 2017 Enacted budget, the President's budget aims to reduce redundancies and inefficiencies and prioritize EPA's core statutory mission of providing Americans with clean air, land, and water.

"The President's budget respects the American taxpayer," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

"This budget supports EPA's highest priorities with federal funding for priority work in infrastructure, air and water quality, and ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace."

DETAILS OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDE:

**Supporting the President's Focus on the Nation's Infrastructure**
The infrastructure of the nation is not limited to roads and bridges. The infrastructure needs of our communities are broader. They include making improvements to drinking water and waste water infrastructure as well as a focus on cleaning up contaminated land. Efforts in the Superfund and Brownfields programs can lead to tangible benefits for communities: a cleaner environment and the redevelopment of sites back to beneficial or to new economic use, which is important to the economic well-being of communities and provides a new foundation for American greatness.

-- EPA's support for water infrastructure will be provided under the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. The FY 2018 budget includes $2.3 billion for the SRFs and $20 million for the WIFIA program. The WIFIA requires a small appropriation compared to its potential loan volume, demonstrating respect for the American taxpayer. Under WIFIA, EPA could potentially provide approximately $1 billion in credit assistance, which would spur an estimated $2 billion in total infrastructure investment.

-- In FY 2018, the Superfund Remedial program provides $342 million to support states, local communities and tribes in their efforts to assess and cleanup many of the worst contaminated sites in the United States and return them to productive use. EPA will maximize appropriated dollars by reducing administrative costs, identifying efficiencies, and prioritizing the cleanup of sites where funds are available from existing settlements with responsible parties.

-- In FY 2018, EPA is investing over $118 million in support for Brownfields to help communities oversee, assess, safely cleanup and redevelop brownfield properties. The cleanup and reuse of contaminated lands often can play a role in economically revitalizing a community.

**Improving America's Air Quality**
EPA's FY 2018 budget of $448 million provides funding to better manage and support air quality with stakeholders through common sense standards, guidelines, and grant assistance. The budget focuses on air quality efforts and on making progress toward increased attainment. Most notably, $100 million is allotted to perform key activities in support of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). It discontinues funding of the Clean Power Plan, climate change research, and partnership programs. $139 million in program eliminations and $95 million in major programmatic changes will reorient the agency efforts in addressing air quality.

**Ensuring Clean and Safe Water**
EPA is requesting $83.7 million in drinking water programs to continue to partner with states, drinking water utilities, and other stakeholders to identify and address current and potential sources of drinking water contamination. These efforts are integral to the sustainable infrastructure efforts because source water protection can reduce the need for additional drinking water treatment and associated costs.

The FY 2018 budget includes $193 million to support work in surface water protection and wetlands programs. EPA will continue to provide scientific water quality criteria information, review and approve state water quality standards, and review and approve state lists of impaired waters. In FY 2018, the agency will continue to work with states and other partners on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) as required by the Clean Water Act, as well as on other waterbody restoration plans for listed impaired waterbodies. EPA also will continue to implement and support core water quality programs that control point-source discharges through permitting and pre-treatment programs. Over $651 million in program eliminations, including Geographic Programs and non-point source grants, and $115 million in major programmatic changes will focus the agency's water programs on addressing core statutory requirements and national priorities. Responsibility for funding local environmental efforts is returned to State and local entities.

**Keeping America's Environment Safe from Toxic Chemicals**
EPA's chemical safety programs are integral to maintaining environmental and human health. In FY 2018, EPA requests a total of $296 million to strengthen the capability of EPA, other regulators, and the public to assess chemical hazards and potential exposures, identify potential risks to human health and the environment and take appropriate risk management action.

In FY 2018, increased resources will support the agency's significant continuing and new responsibilities for ensuring that new and existing chemicals are evaluated in a timely manner. EPA will work aggressively to complete additional chemical risk assessments from the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Work Plan list of existing chemicals and meet its requirement to review all current pesticide registrations by 2022. The agency also is implementing fee-based funding as is envisioned in the statute. The agency will continue efforts to reduce risk and ensure that safety and compliance, including on-going pesticides licensing efforts. Program eliminations totaling nearly $53 million combined with nearly $60 million in other major program changes, including research programs, will focus federal resources on highest national priorities and core statutory requirements.

**Supporting State and Tribal Partners**
Effective environmental protection is a joint effort of EPA, states and our tribal partners. EPA must work collectively with states and tribes as the primary implementers of EPA's statutory obligations. Realizing the value of these partnerships, for FY 2018, EPA is requesting $597 million in funding for State and Tribal Assistance Categorical Grants. These levels are in line with the broader strategy of streamlining environmental protection and focusing federal investment in core statutory programs. The agency will work with states and tribes to target core grant resources and provide flexibility to address their specific priorities.

**Reducing and Eliminating Programs**
As careful stewards of the taxpayer's resources, we will look to attack fraud, waste, and abuse. Also, EPA will continue to examine its programs to identify those that create unnecessary redundancies or those that have served their purpose and accomplished their mission. The FY 2018 President's Budget identifies and eliminates a number of programs totaling over $1 billion. Details can be found in EPA FY 2018 Congressional

Justification:https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/fy2018.

EPA's FY 2018 budget request includes the elimination of $427 million in Geographic Program funding. Recognizing the progress that has been made to date, these eliminations return responsibility for funding local environmental efforts to state and local entities. EPA will encourage states, tribes, and communities to continue to make progress from within core EPA program funding. In addition, nearly $30 million in locally focused funds for infrastructure projects on Alaska Native Villages and on the US Mexico Border are not requested in this budget; however, these types of projects may be eligible for funding under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

For more information on EPA's FY 2018 proposed budget, please visit https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/fy2018

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**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Caterina, Peter
**Sent:** Fri 5/19/2017 5:23:15 PM
**Subject:** RE: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Great!

Can I reach out on the 8th or 9th to try and set up a day for the following week when he returns?

Thanks

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 1:22 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** RE: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Sounds great, thank you. He will be back the third week of June.

**From:** Caterina, Peter [mailto:Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 12:27 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Hey Liz

Thanks again for today

I will reach out to you again in June when Administrator Pruitt returns

Pete

**From:** Caterina, Peter
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:07 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Thanks!

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 7:00:36 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Yes, does.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2017, at 6:59 PM, Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

> Hi Liz
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> Just wanted to double check that 9:06-9:20 works tomorrow?
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> Thanks
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> Pete

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**From:** Caterina, Peter
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:10:45 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

If we do 9:06 start time we can go to 9:20 before we hit our break

Does that work?

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:44:23 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** RE: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

I would say 9:40, maybe 9:45 a.m. would be the latest. How much time were y'all thinking?

**From:** Caterina, Peter [mailto:Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:24 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Hi Liz

Thanks for sending

What is the absolute latest Admin. Pruitt can stay for, this way I can alert everyone to the hard out

Thanks

Pete

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:16:39 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** RE: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Hi Peter – Since we only have a few minutes, I think we could stick with Paris, but if he has additional time, I think the Administrator would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how President Trump is a man of action, compared to the last Administration. A few topline points below—please let me know if you need more information. Also, if you need to reach me tomorrow morning, my number is 202-309-3416. Thanks – Liz

? President Trump is a man of action, compared to the last Administration. The old administration liked to "talk about doing things" rather than actually doing them.

? We can renegotiate a better deal: Getting out of Paris does not limit future conversations with the same international parties about a better deal or approach to climate.

? The Clean Power Plan, which is central to Paris threatens 400,000 U.S. jobs.

? Staying in Paris leaves in place a mechanism by which environmentalists and Obama's activist judges could compel the EPA to put in place a future Clean Power Plan or worse.

o Even though we are getting rid of CPP and other economically damaging regulations, there is a provision in the Clean Air Act (Section 115) that the Paris Agreement could be used to put in place a rule similar to the Clean Power Plan.

o Under the expectation that Hilary Clinton would win the election, environmental groups started laying the groundwork for using Section 115 under the Paris Agreement last year.

o Environmentalists and democrats are attempting to downplay this threat in hopes of keeping the Paris Agreement mechanism in place.

**From:** Caterina, Peter [mailto:Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:46 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Hi Liz

I wanted to see if there were any specific bullet points Administrator Pruitt would like to hit on tomorrow on the upcoming Summit and the Paris accords and anything else specific he would like to hit on

Thanks

Pete

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:05 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM>
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Great, thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 4:02 PM, Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Not a problem

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:38:52 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Actually we need to do 9:06 am on Friday. Does that work?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 3:23 PM, Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hey Liz

Realized I forgot to give you our call in number

1 (212) 938-1574

Thanks again

Pete

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**From:** Caterina, Peter
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:42:51 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Perfect!

Thanks so much!

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:39:32 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Sure, but that would be mid-June

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 2:38 PM, Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Perfect!

Can I ask also if it woud be possible to also set up a 2nd interview for after the summit is over?

Thanks

Pete

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:19:09 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

9:20 would be great.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 2:05 PM, Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

> Perfect!
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> We actually start the hour at 9:06—would that work? Or would you prefer a slightly later time---9:20am ET or later?
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> Thanks
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> **From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:04 PM
> **To:** Caterina, Peter
> **Subject:** Re: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Can we do Friday at 9am?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 2:01 PM, Caterina, Peter <Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Hi Liz

The interview would be between 10-12 minutes

Brain would like to focus on the upcoming G-7 summit/ and potentially pulling out of the Paris Climate accord

As far as the day, we are flexible both tomorrow and Friday

We are wide open in the 10am ET hour tomorrow but can switch things around in the 9am hour and 11am hour tomorrow

Same pretty much for Friday with the exception being between 11-1130am ET

Let me know if you need anything else

Thank you,

Pete

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:55 PM
**To:** Caterina, Peter
**Subject:** Fwd: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Hi Peter,

We would be happy to participate if we can carve out enough time tomorrow or Friday. How long would the interview be and what topics would Brian like to discuss.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Magyarits, Caroline S. EOP/WHO"
**Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
**Date:** May 17, 2017 at 12:48:11 PM EDT
**To:** "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Freire, JP" <Freire.JP@epa.gov>, "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject: FW: Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt**

Hi all,

Brian Kilmeade would love to interview Administrator Pruitt on his radio show – details below. Please let me know if this will work tomorrow or Friday. He's live from 9am-Noon ET.

Thanks,

Caroline

**From:** Caterina, Peter
[mailto:Peter.Caterina@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:46 PM
**To:** Magyarits, Caroline S. EOP/WHO
<Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
**Subject:** Fox News radio interview request for Scott Pruitt

Good afternoon Caroline

I wanted to see if we can set up an interview with Scott Pruitt to discuss the upcoming G-7 summit with Brian Kilmeade on FOX NEWS radio Friday or whatever would work better for Mr Pruitt?

Thank you,

Pete

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**From:** Lubart, Jennie
**Sent:** Wed 5/17/2017 5:12:12 PM
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

You got it! Please let me know any time he wants to come on!

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**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Please keep us in mind if you ever need a guest; the Administrator loves to be on the show.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 12:58 PM, Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

> He was excellent and you were all wonderful to work with! Thank you so much for all your help!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On May 17, 2017, at 7:29 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks - can you clarify what you mean by Democratic counterparts? Do you mean obstruction from democrats in congress?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 7:07 AM, Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

One thing we will ask is

-You have an aggressive agenda but are not seeing any help from democratic counterparts. How are you going to cut regulations when problems in DC could delay your agenda?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 5:49 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Jennie – Here is more background on the topics the Administrator plans to discuss tomorrow at 9:15. Let us know if we should be prepared for any additional questions.

**OBAMA EPA:**

1. When it comes to closing down contaminated Superfund sites, we inherited over 1,300 sites; the Obama Administration only cleaned up a handful.

2. When it comes to commonsense regulations, the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule are reasons why Obama's EPA let us down.

3. Obama's own administration said they dropped the ball at Gold King Mine. The release resulted in three million gallons of water with acid mine drainage containing heavy metals like arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury spilling into the river and turning it yellow.

**NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE**

- What are we doing? **Getting back to the basics.**

- Focusing on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Investing in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.

- Last week Administrator Pruitt announced a new directive to prioritize and streamline Superfund cleanup at sites with remedies costing $50 million or more. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-announces-new-directive-prioritize-superfund-cleanups

**EAST CHICAGO**

- Last month, Administrator Pruitt visited the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.

- He was the first EPA Administrator to visit the Superfund site that was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009.

- Administrator Pruitt met with residents who are concerned with contamination in their community and listened to their concerns.

- He issued a joint statement with Indiana's Governor, Senators and local officials pledging improved communication and coordination.

- EPA has taken steps to expedite cleanup at Superfund site under Administrator Pruitt's leadership. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-visits-contaminated-site-east-chicago-pledges-coordinated-cleanup

- **Washington Examiner: EPA's Pruitt, lawmakers recommit to public trust in East Chicago:** http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epas-pruitt-lawmakers-recommit-to-public-trust-in-east-chicago/article/2622262

**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:17 PM
**To:** 'Lubart, Jennie' <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hi, Jennie. Yes, that works. Lincoln and Liz copied here will be your POC for the interview.

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
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**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Sorry I got old emails confused perfect does 9:15am et work

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 3:51 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jennie – The Administrator can come on at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow to discuss the real reforms the Trump Administration is taking to help communities that were poorly served by the last administration – East Chicago for example. Administrator Pruitt has been outspoken about the lack of environmental accomplishments under the Obama Administration, calling President Obama "no environmental savior," and he would like to expand on these comments. I'm including a few articles below as background.

Please send along the details as soon as possible. You are located in the same building as Fox, correct?

Thank you,

Amy

**Hugh Hewitt Radio: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On The New Direction At The E.P.A.**

"I mean, the past administration is viewed as the environmental savior. But when you look at air attainment in this country, we're at 40% non-attainment right now on ozone. About 140 million people live in non-attainment areas for air quality, under air quality programs. Superfund sites, we have more today than when President Obama came into office. Water infrastructure, you had Flint and you had Gold King. And so what's, and the regulations that they issued on carbon, they failed twice. They struck out twice. So when you look at their record, what exactly did they accomplish for the environment that folks are so excited about? You know, we're coming in trying to focus on a back to basics agenda to say look, it's unacceptable for the Westlake facility in St. Louis, Missouri to languish on a national priority list for 20-plus years. It's time for leadership."

**The Hill: EPA chief: Obama was no 'environmental savior'**

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tore into former President Barack Obama's environmental record Thursday, saying he failed in important areas… Scott Pruitt accused the Obama administration of "poor leadership" and "poor focus," resulting in bad air quality, more contaminated sites under the Superfund cleanup program, and water pollution crises.

**Washington Times: EPA chief Pruitt: Obama no 'environmental savior,' past administration accomplished nothing**
In a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure.

**From:** Graham, Amy
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**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Okay, will let you know asap.

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**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Open to topics can discuss wash times editorial how past administration accomplished nothing!

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Hi Jennie – Let me check on his availability. What would the topic be?

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**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hi

I see Director Pruitt is fox and friends tomorrow any chance he can join us on Varney afterwards any time from 9am to noon eastern!

Many Thanks

Jennie

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**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow
**Importance:** High

Hi

We wanted to see Director Pruitt can join us on Varney tomorrow at 11:15am or any time between 9am and noon eastern tomorrow to talk Paris Climate treaty!

Many thanks
Jennie

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**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Thanks for letting us know. Where exactly will your camera be in stat hall?

On May 3, 2017, at 7:53 AM, Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

All set for today 9:45am in addition to first 100 days and accomplishments we will ask about

Plans to pull out of Paris Climate Accord?

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Richard Branson on Trump's coal plans article

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-partisan/wp/2017/05/02/richard-branson-on-trumps-coal-plans-i-cant-think-of-anything-more-stupid/?utm_term=.327739302e63

Also Stuart is out today so CHARLES PAYNE hosts

Thank u

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 11:18 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:43 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
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Perfect all set!

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**NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE**

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- Focusing on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Investing in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.

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**EAST CHICAGO**

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> Please send along the details as soon as possible. You are located in the same building as Fox, correct?
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> Thank you,
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**Hugh Hewitt Radio: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On The New Direction At The E.P.A.**

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**The Hill: EPA chief: Obama was no 'environmental savior'**

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**Washington Times: EPA chief Pruitt: Obama no 'environmental savior,' past administration accomplished nothing**

In a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure.

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Plans to pull out of Paris Climate Accord?

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Richard Branson on Trump's coal plans article

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-partisan/wp/2017/05/02/richard-branson-on-trumps-coal-plans-i-cant-think-of-anything-more-stupid/?utm_term=.327739302e63

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>>> One thing we will ask is
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for the interview.

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**Washington Times: EPA chief Pruitt: Obama no 'environmental savior,' past administration accomplished nothing**

In a radio interview with Hugh Hewitt, Mr. Pruitt said the past administration talked a good game on the environment, but has little in the way of concrete accomplishments. He pointed to the environmental disaster in Flint, Michigan, and the Gold King Mine spill, both of which led to widespread water contamination. He also said the administration's attempts to rein in carbon emissions were blocked by federal courts, as were other high-profile regulations. At the same time, Mr. Pruitt charged, much of the country remained in non-compliance with federal ozone standards, and the number of Superfund sites — areas contaminated by hazardous waste and identified for federal clean-up efforts — increased during Mr. Obama's tenure.

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Open to topics can discuss wash times editorial how past administration accomplished nothing!

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Hi Jennie – Let me check on his availability. What would the topic be?

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**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Hi

I see Director Pruitt is fox and friends tomorrow any chance he can join us on Varney afterwards any time from 9am to noon eastern!

Many Thanks

Jennie

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**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow
**Importance:** High

Hi

We wanted to see Director Pruitt can join us on Varney tomorrow at 11:15am or any time between 9am and noon eastern tomorrow to talk Paris Climate treaty!

Many thanks
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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 8:01 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie

**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Subject:** Re: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Thanks for letting us know. Where exactly will your camera be in stat hall?

On May 3, 2017, at 7:53 AM, Lubart, Jennie <Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM> wrote:

All set for today 9:45am in addition to first 100 days and accomplishments we will ask about

Plans to pull out of Paris Climate Accord?

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Richard Branson on Trump's coal plans article

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-partisan/wp/2017/05/02/richard-branson-on-trumps-coal-plans-i-cant-think-of-anything-more-stupid/?utm_term=.327739302e63

Also Stuart is out today so CHARLES PAYNE hosts

Thank u

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On May 2, 2017, at 11:18 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks!

**From:** Lubart, Jennie [mailto:Jennie.Lubart@FOXBUSINESS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:43 AM

**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Perfect all set!

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:40 AM
**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Cc:** Graham, Amy
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

We will go to Stat Hall. We would like to do it from the Capitol because he's meeting with McConnell, Barrasso, Hoevan, Heitkamp and 6 Congressman that day. Thank you very much.

**From:** Lubart, Jennie
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:04 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Since Cannon is closed for renovations can he go to Stat Hall? We can also do our DC bureau whichever is easiest for him!

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**To:** Lubart, Jennie
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Awesome, 9:45a works great. Can we do this from Cannon and do you know the exact location in Cannon for our scheduler?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:41 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pruitt for Fox Business Tomorrow

Yes we would love to have him on! Any chance 9:15 works or 9:45 at 9:30 the markets open so we always have to take that!

THANK YOU!

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Hey Jennie –

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work for Scott Pruitt at the EPA. Tomorrow, Mr. Pruitt is going to Capitol Hill for one-on-one meetings with various Senators and Congressmen including Leader McConnell, EPW Chairman Barrasso, Senator Hoevan and others about what we are accomplishing at the EPA and how we can work together.

Curious if Mr. Varney would like Pruitt on his program tomorrow

around 9:30 AM to talk about his outreach to Capitol Hill and some of the accomplishments that we got done in the first 100 days?

**RESEARCH ...**

**GEARING UP FOR DAY 100:** Energy and environmental issues offer perhaps the most concrete accomplishments for President Donald Trump to point to as he nears the 100-day mark of his presidency. He's signed four energy-related resolutions wiping out Obama-era rules, put in place Cabinet officials dedicated to rolling back other regulations and unleashed a steady stream of executive orders and photo ops designed to reach his promise of U.S. energy independence. But whether any of this turns into a lasting legacy for Trump largely depends on what happens from here. His Cabinet lacks the political staff to follow up on his efforts undo rules like EPA's Clean Power Plan and Waters of the U.S., and there will be years of litigation over every move undoing regulations on the books. And his actions appear to have awoken scores of citizens opposed to his environmental deregulatory agenda (see below). More to come on this front as we near the actual date later this week. (Politico's Morning Energy, 04/24/17)

**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)

**EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt toured lead-contaminated areas in East Chicago.** "During Pruitt's visit, his first to a Superfund site since being appointed administrator, he toured the Calumet neighborhood, met with local, state and federal officials, and talked with residents and community members about how the lead and arsenic contamination has affected their lives. 'The reason I'm here is that it's important that we restore confidence to people here in this community that we're going to get it right,' Pruitt said.

The EPA's objective is to come in and make sure people's health is protected, and that their land and health are secure in the long run, Pruitt said. 'We're committed to doing that,' Pruitt said." (Chicago Tribune, 04/19/17)

**The NAACP praised Pruitt for visiting the East Chicago Superfund Site and said they are cautiously optimistic about the EPA's Administrator.** "It was the first superfund site EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has visited -- making a trip there Wednesday -- and the agency said he was the first administrator to visit this particular site. Pruitt visited "to discuss cleanup and hear directly from East Chicago residents affected by contamination in their community," the agency said in a press release. At a press conference, local officials praised Pruitt for visiting the site … Barbara Bolling-Williams, state president of the Indiana branch of the NAACP, said she is cautiously optimistic following Pruitt's visit." (CNN, 04/19/17)

**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)

**EPA committed additional funds surround the Gold King Mine release, bringing the total to $29 million.** "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has provided over $90,000 in additional reimbursements to five entities in Colorado and Utah for their costs incurred responding to the August 5, 2015, Gold King Mine release." (Press Release, 03/16/17)

**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)

**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)

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**From:** Aloi, Diana
**Sent:** Tue 5/16/2017 9:30:36 PM
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Great thank you

**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:30 PM
**To:** Aloi, Diana
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THIS AFTER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION LEFT BEHIND A HUGE TOXIC MESS

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((guest))

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Any word on talking points?

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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
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Hi Diana – Yes, I will send you more information shortly.

Do you have the name of the person who will meet us in the lobby tomorrow morning.

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Hello I'm producing Scott Pruitt's segment for Fox & Friends tomorrow

Can you send me some bullet points on what the top three priorities are for the EPA that Mr. Pruitt would like to discuss specifically

What is happening with East Chicago?
Thanks,

Diana

**From:** Murray, Andrew
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:42 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz; Aloi, Diana
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, we are confirmed to discuss that topic tomorrow LIVE at 6:20am ET. Thanks! I am copying producer Diana Aloi who is working on the segment today and will follow up with pre-interview questions on the agreed upon topic, the new direction of the EPA, and helping communities that were poorly served by the last administration. Diana can be reached at (212) 301-5594 email: diana.aloi@foxnews.com

Thanks in advance,

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Yes, that works but we really need to stick with this as the topic. Can you confirm this will be the topic of discussion?

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Andrew

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Thank you,

Amy

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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Aloi, Diana
**Sent:** Tue 5/16/2017 8:46:00 PM
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Thank you so much

**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:42 PM
**To:** Aloi, Diana
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Here you go – let us know if you need any more details.

**OBAMA EPA:**

1. When it comes to closing down contaminated Superfund sites, we inherited over 1,300 sites; the Obama Administration only cleaned up a handful.

2. When it comes to commonsense regulations, the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States rule are reasons why Obama's EPA let us down.

3. Obama's own administration said they dropped the ball at Gold King Mine. The release resulted in three million gallons of water with acid mine drainage containing heavy metals like arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury spilling into the river and turning it yellow.

**NEW LEADERSHIP IS HERE**

- What are we doing? **Getting back to the basics.**

- Focusing on air attainment, improving the quality of air for our citizens. Investing in water infrastructure; actually make cleaning up Superfunds a priority.

- Last week Administrator Pruitt announced a new directive to prioritize and streamline Superfund cleanup at sites with remedies costing $50 million or more. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-announces-new-directive-prioritize-superfund-cleanups

**EAST CHICAGO**

- Last month, Administrator Pruitt visited the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago, Indiana.

- He was the first EPA Administrator to visit the Superfund site that was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009.

- Administrator Pruitt met with residents who are concerned with contamination in their community and listened to their concerns.

- He issued a joint statement with Indiana's Governor, Senators and local officials pledging improved communication and coordination.

- EPA has taken steps to expedite cleanup at Superfund site under Administrator Pruitt's leadership. https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-visits-contaminated-site-east-chicago-pledges-coordinated-cleanup

- **Washington Examiner: EPA's Pruitt, lawmakers recommit to public trust in East Chicago:** http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/epas-pruitt-lawmakers-recommit-to-public-trust-in-east-chicago/article/2622262

**From:** Aloi, Diana [mailto:Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 4:09 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Any word on talking points?

**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:41 PM
**To:** Aloi, Diana
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Hi Diana – Yes, I will send you more information shortly.

Do you have the name of the person who will meet us in the lobby tomorrow morning.

**From:** Aloi, Diana [mailto:Diana.Aloi@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:37 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Hello I'm producing Scott Pruitt's segment for Fox & Friends tomorrow

Can you send me some bullet points on what the top three priorities are for the EPA that Mr. Pruitt would like to discuss specifically

What is happening with East Chicago?
Thanks,

Diana

**From:** Murray, Andrew
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:42 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz; Aloi, Diana
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, we are confirmed to discuss that topic tomorrow LIVE at 6:20am ET. Thanks! I am copying producer Diana Aloi who is working on the segment today and will follow up with pre-interview questions on the agreed upon topic, the new direction of the EPA, and helping communities that were poorly served by the last administration. Diana can be reached at (212) 301-5594 email: diana.aloi@foxnews.com

Thanks in advance,

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**To:** Murray, Andrew <Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, that works but we really need to stick with this as the topic. Can you confirm this will be the topic of discussion?

**From:** Murray, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:27 AM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Yes, can we please confirm him for a LIVE interview at 6:20am ET with an arrival at 6:00am ET? He will be finished at 6:30am ET and we can re-air a clip of the interview at 7am ET and 8am ET and really make some news tomorrow.

Andrew

**From:** Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 10:57 AM
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**Subject:** EPA Pruitt reschedule tomorrow in NY

Andrew and Lauren– EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in New York tomorrow and is able to come in studio to discuss the real reforms the Trump Administration is taking to help communities that were poorly served by the last administration – East Chicago for example. Pruitt has been outspoken about the lack of environmental accomplishments under the Obama Administration, calling President Obama "no environmental savior," and he would like to expand on these comments. I'm including a few articles below as background.

Can we reschedule his interview for tomorrow?

Thank you,

Amy

**Hugh Hewitt Radio: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt On The New Direction At The E.P.A.**

"I mean, the past administration is viewed as the environmental savior. But when you look at air attainment in this country, we're at 40% non-attainment right now on ozone. About 140 million people live in non-attainment areas for air quality, under air quality programs. Superfund sites, we have more today than when President Obama came into office. Water infrastructure, you had Flint and you had Gold King. And so what's, and the regulations that they issued on carbon, they failed twice. They struck out twice. So when you look at their record, what exactly did they accomplish for the environment that folks are so excited about? You know, we're coming in trying to focus on a back to basics agenda to say look, it's unacceptable for the Westlake facility in St. Louis, Missouri to languish on a national priority list for 20-plus years. It's time for leadership."

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**From:** Brian Hauswirth
**Sent:** Tue 5/16/2017 8:16:45 PM
**Subject:** FW: EPA Administrator Pruitt and West Lake Landfill in St. Louis

Liz-

Checking on this request. Thanks for your time.

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**From:** Brian Hauswirth
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 3:53 PM
**To:** 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Cc:** 'info@missourinet.com' <info@missourinet.com>
**Subject:** EPA Administrator Pruitt and West Lake Landfill in St. Louis

Liz-

When your staff gets a moment, please look at tweets from Missouri State Senator Maria ChappelleNadal (D-University City). She is calling on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to receive a full briefing on the landfill issue in St. Louis. The issue has been heated. She's been highly critical of bill opponents.

I have tweeted and reported on her call. Checking to see if Administrator Pruitt is aware of the controversy, which has been widely covered in Missouri media, and if he plans to receive a full briefing on this. Thanks for your time.

Brian Hauswirth
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**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 4:33 PM
**To:** Brian Hauswirth <bhauswirth@missourinet.com>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator to Visit Missouri Power Plant

You can, but I think it would be better to quote Amy Graham, she is the EPA person who will be on the ground managing the event and the person who wrote that statement.

**From:** Brian Hauswirth [mailto:bhauswirth@missourinet.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 5:30 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator to Visit Missouri Power Plant

Got it … can I quote you? Missourinet's Alisa Nelson will be there tomorrow in Clifton Hill.

Brian Hauswirth
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**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 4:12 PM
**To:** Brian Hauswirth <bhauswirth@missourinet.com>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator to Visit Missouri Power Plant

Yes, he will be focused on EPA's Back-to-Basics agenda, which means taking the agency back to its core mission of protecting the environment through sensible regulations developed in cooperation with state, local and tribal partners.

**From:** Brian Hauswirth [mailto:bhauswirth@missourinet.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 4:40 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Administrator to Visit Missouri Power Plant

Liz-

Can we report that he's going to be focusing on "Back to Basics" at this event? People know he's coming there because the Sierra Club issued a news release this week. The Missouri Electric Cooperatives have also tweeted. Thanks

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**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 19, 2017 1:32 PM
**Subject:** EPA Administrator to Visit Missouri Power Plant

# EPA ADMINISTRATOR TO VISIT MISSOURI POWER PLANT

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY: April 19, 2017

Clifton Hill, Mo. – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt will

discuss how the government is getting out of the business of picking winners and losers in the energy sector, at the Thomas Hill Energy Center in Clifton Hill, Mo. on Thursday, April 20. Administrator Pruitt will speak with power plant workers and Missouri Electric Cooperative members about EPA's Back-to-Basics agenda, taking the agency back to its core mission of protecting the environment through sensible regulations developed in cooperation with state, local and tribal partners.

Administrator Pruitt will speak with workers and co-op members 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 miners and coal-fired electric utilities. As the Thomas Hill Energy Center also services many agricultural and rural communities, Administrator Pruitt will also talk about the President's Executive Order directing EPA to review the 2015 Waters of the United States rule, known as WOTUS.

**Credentialed members of the media who plan to attend this event must RSVP with full names by emailing pressrsvp@epa.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, April 19.**

**WHO:** Administrator Pruitt, power plant workers and electric cooperative members

**WHAT:** Administrator Pruitt will discuss EPA's *Back-to-Basics* agenda

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. CDT

**WHERE:** Thomas Hill Energy Center, 5693 Highway F, Clifton Hill, Missouri 65244

**NOTE:** Credentialed members of the media who have RSVP'd and received a confirmation from EPA will be required to check in at the Thomas Hill Energy Center security gate no later than 9:30 a.m. CDT on Thursday, April 20. **A photo ID is required.**

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**To:** Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Davenport, Coral
**Sent:** Fri 5/12/2017 7:48:51 PM
**Subject:** California enviro regs

Hi, guys,
Just circling back on this - cld one of you give a call? The California story is currently slated to run on Sunday. It's focused on how Jerry Brown sees his state as a vanguard of climate/enviro policy and stands ready to push back on the administration as it makes changes to federal and international climate policy -- to sue on the rollback of the CPP and CAFE standards, to enact even stronger state-level GHG standards, and to marshall its forces to sue Washington in the event that EPA does issue a revoke of Cali's cafe waiver. We just need your voice responding to this - what does the admin think and how will it respond/handle?

If we can't get anything, we'll have to put that EPA did not respond to multiple requests for comment on this.

Also - cld one of you give a call on something separate? Some colleagues are working on a separate Pruitt/EPA story-- they'll be reaching out about that next week -- and just want to describe it to you so you have a sense of what's coming.
Cheers,
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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Tue 5/9/2017 11:00:19 PM
**Subject:** Here is our statement and it's from Liz Bowman

**"Since taking office, the EPA has spearheaded over 22 major regulatory reform actions that includes work on the Clean Power Plan and WOTUS and this is just the beginning of President Trump and Administrator Pruitt's agenda of protecting the environment and American jobs."** – EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman

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**To:** Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Biesecker, Michael
**Sent:** Mon 5/8/2017 9:13:01 PM
**Subject:** RE: Michael -

*In the letter, Pruitt said his recusal does not extend to matters of "general applicability," such as making policy decisions involving current or future regulations. EPA contends, therefore, there is no ethical issue with Pruitt making decisions to rollback regulations he previously opposed in court, because those decisions affect the nation as a whole rather than just favoring Oklahoma.*

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 4:33 PM
**To:** Biesecker, Michael
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** RE: Michael -

What is your number? We will call you right now.

**From:** Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2017 4:31 PM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Michael -

Jahan,

Following up on this, I'm kind of confused where the line will be regarding where Pruitt recuses himself. In March, Pruitt announced the decision for EPA to review CPP. He was quoted in the press release. Same with WOTUS. Both of those were followed by EPA/DOJ in court with motions in the appeals over those rules, citing the agency's decision.

Will Pruitt no participate in such discussions going forward? Or is the distinction that he will still

participate in policy decisions, but not in the resulting legal ramifications?

Thanks,

Michael

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Sunday, May 07, 2017 8:46 AM
**To:** Biesecker, Michael
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz
**Subject:** Michael -

Attached is the letter. Let us know if you need anything else.

Jahan

**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Saiyid, Amena
**Sent:** Mon 5/8/2017 2:50:13 PM
**Subject:** RE: Recusing from WOTUS Clean Power Plan lawsuits

Thanks,

Amena H. Saiyid

**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, May 08, 2017 10:49 AM
**To:** Saiyid, Amena <ASaiyid@bna.com>
**Subject:** RE: Recusing from WOTUS Clean Power Plan lawsuits

Hi Saiyid – The recusal memo is attached, and a statement on the issue is below, which should hopefully clarify the confusion. Thanks – Liz

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**From:** Saiyid, Amena [mailto:ASaiyid@bna.com]
**Sent:** Monday, May 8, 2017 10:25 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Recusing from WOTUS Clean Power Plan lawsuits
**Importance:** High

Hi Liz,

I was writing to find out if the EPA could share this memo with us now that it is out in the public domain. And also clarify whether the recusal applies to wotus lawsuits, or just clean power plan lawsuits. From my reading, it appears wotus lawsuits don't get affected, but I am ready to stand corrected and would appreciate knowing what lawsuits the recusal really applies to.

Sincerely,

Amena

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**To:** 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Recusing from WOTUS Clean Power Plan lawsuits

HI Liz,

I am told the Administrator Pruitt has recused himself from the lawsuits involving WOTUS and Clean Power Plan in a letter to the regional counsel and acting heads of the various offices. We had submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for the Administrator's correspondence with the Ethics Office and received no response, yet the E&E news got a response to their request. They just published a story using this letter.

I would really appreciate it if you could share that letter with us as well.

Sincerely,

Amena

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**From:** Biesecker, Michael
**Sent:** Sun 5/7/2017 3:39:16 AM
**Subject:** Re: Hey Michael

Just seeing this, since you guys elected to release it on a Saturday. Will you provide a copy of the letter?

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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 9:21:43 PM
**Subject:** Re: Hey Tim -

Liz will get you the letter, I'm away from my computer (or I will send first thing tomorrow morning).

Also if you're writing on this below is a statement from EPA spokesman Lincoln Ferguson.

> "Administrator Pruitt's letter to the Senators today reiterates his commitment to transparency. He has gone above and beyond his requirement to comply with Oklahoma's Open Records Act by committing to turning over all of his personal emails to the Oklahoma Attorney General's office. Administrator Pruitt stands by his responses given during the confirmation process, and hopes this additional step provides the clarity needed for those advancing a partisan agenda."

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2017, at 4:53 PM, Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com> wrote:

> Thanks Jahan, we should be able to get something added.
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> While I'm at it, can I get the letter to EPW regarding the email issue?
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> Thanks.
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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 8:09:04 PM
**Subject:** Hey James -

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 8:06:55 PM
**Subject:** Alex and Annie -

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 8:03:20 PM
**Subject:** Hey John

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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Beggin, Riley M.
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 7:59:09 PM
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry from ABC news

Jahan, thank you for sending this along. I appreciate it!

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Saturday, May 06, 2017 3:56 PM
**To:** Beggin, Riley M. <Riley.M.Beggin@abc.com>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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**From:** Beggin, Riley M. [mailto:Riley.M.Beggin@abc.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, May 6, 2017 11:57 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Inquiry from ABC news

Hi there,

I am a reporter with ABC news. I was wondering if anyone at EPA would like to comment on Administrator Pruitt's decision to recuse himself from cases he pursued against EPA as Oklahoma attorney general?

If so, please give me a call at 612-250-4622 or you can respond directly via email here. Thanks so much!

Best,

Riley Beggin

**To:** Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 7:54:53 PM
**Subject:** Hey Tim -

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 7:50:49 PM
**Subject:** Hey John -

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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 7:50:49 PM
**Subject:** Hey Brady -

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**To:** Marsh, Rene[Rene.Marsh@turner.com]
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 7:47:51 PM
**Subject:** Hey Rene

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**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Marsh, Rene
**Sent:** Sat 5/6/2017 12:21:54 AM
**Subject:** Re: CNN

Thanks Liz! I have but thanks for double checking. Have a great weekend

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 5, 2017, at 7:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Renee-- I apologize if someone already sent this to you and you are getting it a second time. The attaches memo demonstrates Administrator Pruitt is following the rules. Thanks -Liz
>
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 5, 2017, at 5:15 PM, Marsh, Rene
<Rene.Marsh@turner.com<mailto:Rene.Marsh@turner.com>> wrote:
> Hello,
>
> CNN sees a letter Pruitt sent saying he would recuse himself from CPP and WOTUS suits.. Could you share the letter with CNN as well? Could the EPA also provide a statement and background on the decision.
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> Thanks,
> — René Marsh
> CNN
> Correspondent
> Twitter: @Rene_MarshCNN
> Office: 202- 777-7249
>
> <signed recusal statement.pdf>

**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Saiyid, Amena
**Sent:** Fri 5/5/2017 8:39:48 PM
**Subject:** Recusing from WOTUS Clean Power Plan lawsuits

HI Liz,

I am told the Administrator Pruitt has recused himself from the lawsuits involving WOTUS and Clean Power Plan in a letter to the regional counsel and acting heads of the various offices. We had submitted a Freedom of Information Act request for the Administrator's correspondence with the Ethics Office and received no response, yet the E&E news got a response to their request. They just published a story using this letter.

I would really appreciate it if you could share that letter with us as well.

Sincerely,

Amena

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**Cc:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**To:** Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]
**From:** Cheryl TWT
**Sent:** Tue 5/2/2017 12:32:59 PM
**Subject:** Re: OPed

Good morning!
Yes!
http://www.washingtontimes.com/specials/energy-2017-unleashing-americas-energy-potential/

It's on TWT landing page under Special Reports -- and there is a PDF of entire section too...
Cheryl
Sent from my iPad

On May 2, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Cheryl,

Is this online?

J.P. Freire
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Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
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On May 1, 2017, at 5:24 PM, Cheryl Wetzstein <cwetzstein@washingtontimes.com> wrote:

So glad to have Admin Pruitt's voice -- and I appreciate you all finding the way to work with us!

Will be back in touch in am!
Best wishes, Cheryl

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*Proverbs 16:3*

On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 5:09 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

These are fine with us. Thank you for this opportunity, Cheryl! Sorry for the delay in getting it to you.

**From:** Cheryl Wetzstein [mailto:cwetzstein@washingtontimes.com]
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2017 5:02 PM
**To:** Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: OPed

Hi JP!

Thanks so much for shepherding this through -- it's perfect for our section!

I made a few stylistic changes, to match Washington Times/AP op-ed style ... and highlighted a date I want to add and the tagline. (It matches the other cabinet officials' tagline styles...)

Please let me know if these are OK!

Thanks again, Cheryl

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**Subject:** RE: comment on DC Circuit?

Hi Eric,

Here's our statement. Please attribute to J.P. Freire, an EPA spokesperson:

Pursuant to the President's Executive Order, Administrator Pruitt has already announced that EPAis reviewing the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan. We are pleased that this order gives EPA the opportunity to proceed with that process.

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**"The root of all joy is gratefulness."**

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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** comment on DC Circuit?

Hi -- Does EPA have a statement or response to the D.C. Circuit decision to hold the Clean Power Plan case in abeyance and to take motions on whether to remand back to the agency?

Thanks!

- Eric

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**To:** Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**From:** Anna Palmer and Jake Sherman
**Sent:** Fri 4/28/2017 5:06:11 PM
**Subject:** Playbook Power Briefing, presented by JPMorgan Chase & Co.: Washington stays open for another week -- DEMINT on the ropes at Heritage -- White House press corps dishes on covering Trump

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Today's Playbook Power Briefing presented by JPMorgan Chase & Co.
04/28/2017 01:00 PM EDT

**Good Friday afternoon. HERE IS A FUN MATT NEGRIN VIDEO --** "100 days of Sean Spicer counting to 100" http://bit.ly/2oFqAnl

**MEA CULPA --** We forgot to include "Meet the Press" in this morning's Playbook. Chuck has an exclusive with VP Mike Pence and has Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Angus King (I-Maine).

**WASHINGTON IS STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS.** At least for another week, that is. The House passed a stopgap spending measure that will fund the government for one week, averting a shutdown. The Senate passed the extension by voice vote. ***More from our colleagues Sarah Ferris and Seung Min Kim*** http://politi.co/2pcmC4g

**BREAKING -- "DeMint set to be ousted from Heritage Foundation,"** by Nancy Cook, Ken Vogel and Eliana Johnson: "The controversial president of the Heritage Foundation and former senator, Jim DeMint, may soon be out of a job, following a dispute with board members about the direction of far-right leaning think tank, according to three people with knowledge of the situation. Some Heritage board members believe that DeMint has brought in too many Senate allies and made the think tank too bombastic and political - to the detriment of its research and scholarly aims. ... DeMint has been in contract negotiations, which are expected to be cut short, the sources said. An announcement about his future at Heritage is expected to come as early as Friday. His contract is up at the end of 2017, according to one board member. ... Former Heritage president Ed Feulner is expected to take over as interim president, according to one House Freedom Caucus member." http://politi.co/2qfwgBI

**PENCE PROFILE** from **MATT NUSSBAUM** and **ELIANA JOHNSON -- "The White House's invisible man":** "Vice President Mike Pence has delicately sidestepped the infighting, scandals and staff shakeups that have dragged down many of Trump's aides, instead taking his cues from the president as he shapes one of the most consequential jobs in the world. While many vice presidents angle for power inside the West Wing, Pence has defined his role narrowly. His thinking, according to those close to him, is that the vice president has only two constitutional duties - to serve as president of the Senate and to be prepared in case of the worst. The rest is up to Trump. ... Pence's approach has allowed him to artfully navigate the warring fiefdoms that have emerged in the West Wing and stay in Trump's good graces - even if it means he's hasn't amassed the influence, as many had hoped, to pull the president in a more conservative

direction." http://politi.co/2qezrtm

**SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTH** -- **"Weak economy collides with Trump's lofty rhetoric,"** by Ben White: "The Commerce Department said Friday that gross domestic product expanded at just a 0.7 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, a sharp drop from the 2.1 percent growth in the final quarter of last year. It marked the economy's worst performance since the first quarter of 2014. First-quarter GDP data has been notoriously bad in recent years only to improve in subsequent months. But the grim headline a day before Trump travels to Pennsylvania to celebrate his first 100 days delivers a significant political blow to a president who loves to hype economic data like strong jobs reports even though his policies may have little to do with them." http://politi.co/2qeWeFs

**HOT SURVEY** -- **"What It's Really Like to Cover Trump:** Our fourth annual survey of the White House press corps," from POLITICO Magazine. http://politi.co/2pc9pZ0

**TRUMP'S 100 DAYS ON TWITTER** -- Twitter released data on how Trump has tweeted from @realDonaldTrump since the moment he took office. His top tweeted words: 1. "Great" ... 2. "America/American" ... 3. "News/Media" ... 4. "Jobs" ... 5. "Today" ... 6. "Fake News" ... 7. "Thank" ... 8. "People" ... 9. "Big" ... 10. "Country." ***His top hashtags*** http://bit.ly/2qeKse8 ... ***Top tweeted accounts*** http://bit.ly/2qezw0c

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**ONE EYE ON HISTORY -- "Trump's Presidential Status Anxiety:** As the president nears his hundredth day in office, he seems increasingly concerned about how he'll measure up.," by The Atlantic's McKay Coppins: "Trump is a Queens-born billionaire who has spent his life chasing validation from elites who hold him in disdain. With each new benchmark he reaches, he holds out hope that it will finally quiet his chorus of haters. And when he realizes they're still laughing at him, he acts out. Consider, now, what Trump is likely seeing these days when he turns on his TV: presidential historians discussing the unparalleled failures of his first hundred days; polls showing an historically low approval rating; pundits depicting a presidency gripped by impotence. Given his recent history, an eruption was inevitable." http://theatln.tc/2qeHtCo

**FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- WHAT REPUBLICANS WANT YOU TO SEE** -- America Rising PAC is releasing a new video that supercuts DNC Chair Tom Perez cursing with CBS' John Dickerson opining on coarseness from the Democrats. http://bit.ly/2pcaBLY

**ERASING OBAMA -- "Trump Wins Easier Path to Scrapping Obama's Clean Power Plan,"** by Bloomberg's Andrew Harris: "President Donald Trump won a court ruling that

makes it easier for him to rescind the Obama administration's plan for weaning American power producers off of coal and other fossil fuels. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington on Friday put a lawsuit over the Clean Power Plan on hold for 60 days without deciding the issue of its legality. The court ruled over the objections of environmental groups, 18 states and cities including New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. Killing the plan, a regulatory package aimed at stemming climate change, will make it more difficult for the U.S. to meet greenhouse gas reduction commitments it made with more than 143 other nations at a 2015 Paris summit." https://bloom.bg/2pcppKw

**THE NEXT SPECIAL ELECTION FIGHT -- "Dems withhold cash from Montana special election,"** by Elena Schneider: "As early voting kicks off in Montana this week, national Democrats are holding back from heavy investments in the state's May 25 special House election, believing Democratic candidate Rob Quist still has a steep hill to climb to win a state that voted heavily for President Donald Trump just months ago.

**"Campaigns for Montana's lone House district** often play second fiddle to resource-hogging Senate or gubernatorial races in the state. This year, it's being overshadowed by the special election in Georgia, where Democrats are riding not just grassroots enthusiasm - which has helped Quist raise over $2.5 million so far - but also critical demographic and political shifts that are not present in Montana. ... That doesn't mean Democrats have given up completely on the race, or that Republicans are without concerns. Republican outside groups hoping to avoid surprises are spending $2 million on TV ads savaging Quist, while Donald Trump Jr. recently stumped with [Greg] Gianforte. ...

**"Along with his heady online fundraising**, Quist will get a campaign assist from Bernie Sanders sometime in the next month. And the DCCC sent just under $200,000 to the state Democratic Party to help out. A DCCC aide said that the committee is 'working with the Quist campaign and watching it closely. We're excited about the energy and it's possible we'll invest more." But the House Democratic committee, which recently went on the air in Georgia, is not airing TV ads pushing back against the barrage of spots from the NRCC and Congressional Leadership Fund.'" http://politi.co/2pcqH8J

**GOOD NEWS -- "Former President George H.W. Bush released from hospital,"** by Louis Nelson http://politi.co/2qfuqkn

**MEDIAWATCH -- "NBC News President on Megyn Kelly's New Show, Trump and Fox News Turmoil,"** by The Hollywood Reporter's Marisa Guthrie: "This summer, [Noah Oppenheim will] be responsible for the most-scrutinized anchor move in recent memory when Megyn Kelly makes her debut with a tryout run of her Sunday night newsmagazine. That will be followed in September by her morning show, replacing an hour of Today, though Oppenheim says he has not settled on whether Kelly's show will run at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. He invited THR to his minimalist office at 30 Rock." http://bit.ly/2qerGDK

**-- ERIC BOLLING** announced that he will interview **PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP** on the debut of his new show "The Fox Specialists" at 5 p.m. Monday on Fox News. The show is co-hosted by Bolling, Katherine Timpf and Eboni K. Williams.

**-- MIC** has hired Stephanie Clary as director of newsgathering, Kyle McGovern as the editor of Hype -- the arts and entertainment vertical -- and Kelsey Sutton as a staff writer covering media and politics. Clary previously worked at the shuttered Breaking News, McGovern was an editor at Spin and Sutton was a reporter here at POLITICO. http://bit.ly/2qeJpe0

**TODAY'S BEYOND THE BELTWAY -- Warren critical of Obama's speaking gig -- A Kennedy fundraises in California** http://politi.co/2pcH6cZ

**A DETENTE? BREITBART INTERVIEWS REINCE -- "White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus on First 100 Days: President Trump 'Going Big League on Trade,'"** by Matthew Boyle: "Priebus's exclusive interview with Breitbart News comes as the 100-day mark looms, and it focused on the administration's successes, setbacks, and lessons learned. Despite legacy, establishment media outlets claiming repeatedly that Trump has not delivered much in his first few months in office, the president has actually had a number of successes across government and in all facets of his agenda with more to come, Priebus pointed out." http://bit.ly/2pcowSB

**REAL HOUSEWIFE TO D.C.:** At an exclusive luncheon Thursday in Fiola's Aliche Room, Real Housewives of Beverly Hills' Lisa Vanderpump greeted guests over glasses of rosé and spoke about her charity, the Vanderpump Dog Foundation, the beneficiary of the event. **SPOTTED:** Lunch co-hosts Jason Mida from Mida Associates and Missy Kurek & Krista Zuzenak from MKZ Strategies, Ken Todd, Dr. John Sessa, executive director of the Vanderpump Dog Foundation, Lale Morrison, chief of staff to Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.); Beth Viola of Holland & Knight and chair of the 2017 Bark Ball, Seth Turner of the Seth Turner Group, and Lea Diamond from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

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By Alex Guillén and Eric Wolff

04/28/2017 11:01 AM EDT

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals today granted the Trump administration's request to pause the lawsuits challenging the Clean Power Plan amid an agency effort to repeal the regulation.

The Justice Department asked the court to put the case on hold after President Donald Trump signed an executive order in March directing EPA to review and likely repeal the regulations. The pause comes at a very late stage in the legal challenges. Ten judges heard arguments over the Clean Power Plan in September and had been expected to release a ruling at any time before the administration's request.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was one of the original challengers of the rule as Oklahoma's attorney general.

The court paused the case for 60 days, and it asked for EPA to file status reports every 30 days. It also asked litigants to file motions on whether to remand the case back to the agency rather than hold it in abeyance.

**WHAT'S NEXT:** Motions on remand are due on May 15.

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Perfect performance.

John Konkus

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On Apr 27, 2017, at 8:11 PM, EPA Jahan Wilcox <jahanwilcoxepa@gmail.com> wrote:

**The First 100 Days – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Interview**

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SANDRA SMITH: how now a man involved in those discussions environmental protection agency administrator scott prosecute, in fact, in fact, mr. pruitt, you were in conversations with the president today any changes or any developments there?

ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT: no, sandra. and the discussion continues. and you're right. there were discussions today at the white house with respect to this issue of paris. i think the point that needs to be made initially is that the co 2 discussion, having a see at the table, american leadership if you will on co 2 reduction. we are at pre1994 levels right nowen in o. n this country on co 2 footprints because of technology deployed here reduced our carbon emissions. china, russia, independent i can't, those countries across the globe have not had similar commitments. what paris represents is a front loading of cost for this country. a contraction of our own economy while those countries continue to pollute and not take steps that we have taken already.

SMITH: so is there any changes, a more moderate approach to this agreement that would, in your opinion, allow you to stay in the -- allow us to stay in the agreement and not leave it entirely?

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: well, the paris accord and the paris agreement one, should have been treated at as a treaty, it's something that this country, the clean power plan, the regulatory response of the past e.p.a. was in response, to the climate action plan in paris think are inextrickably linked. as such we have front loaded those costs, san draft what we should be talking about is how we export innovation and technology that we have already deployed here to places like china and india to get accountability with respect to our footprint. the clean power plan represented a 2.5 trillion-dollar reduction in gross domestic product in 10 year period. 2-million-dollar compliance. up to 400,000 jobs annually. this is something that we're doing taking steps now when we are already at pre194 levels. that's a bad business deal for this country.

SMITH: the reason i ask you if there is any more moderate approach that could be between on this while still being in it there seems to be. i'm thinking on this rex tillerson, the secretary of state who used to run exxon mobil during confirmation hearings shed we should have a seat at the table that seat can continue, san draft that's something we should do. in fact, the secretary of state and i talked about that we are a part of the un at ccc. a seat at the table.

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: that discussion can continue it needs to be reset and focused on america first strategy to make sure our interests are add van advanced in that international discussion and not sacrificed with respect to our economy in relation to china and india and other nations what's interesting about the green climate fund, for example, the fund that followed and was part of the paris discussion, $100 billion of moneys to be committed by the year 2020 if we kept our current funding commitments we have already made, we would be providing almost 20% of all funding internationally, taxpayers in this country while china and india and russia pay career. that's a continuation of america last, america second type of strategy that the previous administration used on issues like this. that has to change. i appreciate the president's leadership in those areas.

SMITH: mr. pruitt, we have to leave it there but thank you for coming on tonight.

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: thank you.

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**From:** Coral Davenport
**Sent:** Thur 4/27/2017 2:09:59 PM
**Subject:** Re: Hey Coral

Hey, guys,
Just checking back in on this. Can I get Pruitt on the phone today? We're planning to file this no later than tomoro, possibly to run for this weekend. Even if it holds, I am out of pocket next week, so won't be avail. We basically just need a voice from the administration responding to California/Jerry Brown's pushback on your climate policies: planning to sue on any effort to roll back cafe standards or revoke the California waiver; conducting freelance climate diplomacy at COPs, working with Canada, Mexico and China to push California-style models of cap&trade, and pushing other states to adopt cap & trade even as you work to roll back the cap & trade push in the cpp.
Thanks so much,
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Got it. I do more rapid response and Liz is better for these inquires. I put her on this email.

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Sounds good, thanks.

Meanwhile: we're working on a story looking at how Gov. Jerry Brown is looking to push back on the administration's efforts to roll back climate regs. The Californians are concerned that the administration will revoke their waiver on CAFE standards -- although it sounds like if this happens it probably won't be til next year. But they still intend to fight any change to national CAFE standards, in part also by pushing to ensure that they and 10 other states continue to have higher standards, potentially creating separate sets of standards with which auto companies will have to comply.

Meanwhile, they also intend to lead the way on suing the rollback of the Clean Power Plan, and to push for other states to pass cap and trade in its stead. Could Pruitt speak to this Golden State pushback?

Thanks so much,

Coral

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 6:35 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Totally. I will try to corral some of the schedules on our end and make it happen.

Hope you have a great evening!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Davenport, Coral <coral.davenport@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks for sending!
Lemme know when we can get together for OTR lunch/coffee whatev.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy or wld suggest cocktails -- can save those for later!)

Also would love to start a convo about when I cld travel or sit down with the Administrator for a deep-dive intvu and/or profile.

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

OTR – Wanted to flag this editorial for you from the WSJ.

Jahan

**Highway From the Endangerment Zone**

The Wall Street Journal
Editorial

April 19, 2017

https://www.wsj.com/articles/highway-from-the-endangerment-zone-1492555808

Scott Pruitt has emerged as a leading voice in the Trump Administration for U.S. withdrawal from the Paris global climate deal, so it's ironic that the Environmental Protection Agency chief is being assailed from the right for being soft on carbon. Too many conservatives these days are searching for betrayals where none exist.

As Attorney General of Oklahoma, Mr. Pruitt successfully sued to stop the enforcement of President Obama's regulations known as the Clean Power Plan, or CPP, and he's preparing to dismantle them for good as EPA administrator. The rap from the right is that he won't challenge the underlying determination for regulating CO 2 emissions known as an endangerment finding. In 2009 the EPA concluded in this finding that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health and the environment, and this document serves as the nominal legal basis for the CPP and other anti-carbon rules.

Mr. Pruitt's critics claim that withdrawing from the CPP without reversing endangerment will strengthen his opponents in the inevitable green lawsuits that are coming. Endangerment findings create a legal obligation for the EPA to regulate the relevant pollutants, even if carbon is far different from traditional hazards like SO X and NO X .

The endangerment finding was deeply misguided and flawed in its execution, and nobody fought it more than we did. But there's a practical reason that Mr. Pruitt is right about the risks of trying to revoke it now. The finding has been upheld by the courts, and creating a

legally bulletproof non-endangerment rule would consume a tremendous amount of EPA resources, especially at an agency with few political appointees and a career staff hostile to reform.

Technical determinations about the state of the science are supposed to be entitled to judicial deference, but the reality is that the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals that would hear the case is packed with progressive judges. Climate change has become a theological conviction on the left, so Mr. Pruitt would almost certainly lose either with a three-judge panel or en banc.

The Supreme Court's appetite for such a case is also minimal, since it would run directly at the 2007 ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA that prepared the way for the endangerment finding. Justice Anthony Kennedy was in that 5-4 majority.

Mr. Pruitt is already taking on difficult and controversial challenges, so better for the Administration to use scarce political capital where it will make a difference instead of burning it on a doomed mission. The endangerment finding doesn't dictate any specific regulation, and Mr. Pruitt has the discretion to interpret the Clean Air Act to achieve his favored policy outcomes, including to repeal legally tenuous central planning like CPP.

A future Democratic President could use the endangerment finding to revive something like CPP, but then that same Administration could restore endangerment too. Mr. Pruitt is a natural target for the left, but when conservatives are impugning one of the leaders of President Trump's economic deregulation project as a sellout, maybe the problem is the critics, not Mr. Pruitt.

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Got it. I do more rapid response and Liz is better for these inquires. I put her on this email.

**From:** Davenport, Coral [mailto:coral.davenport@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 4:22 PM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Hey Coral

Sounds good, thanks.

Meanwhile: we're working on a story looking at how Gov. Jerry Brown is looking to push back on the administration's efforts to roll back climate regs. The Californians are concerned that the administration will revoke their waiver on CAFE standards -- although it sounds like if this happens it probably won't be til next year. But they still intend to fight any change to national CAFE standards, in part also by pushing to ensure that they and 10 other states continue to have higher standards, potentially creating separate sets of standards with which auto companies will have to comply.

Meanwhile, they also intend to lead the way on suing the rollback of the Clean Power Plan, and to push for other states to pass cap and trade in its stead. Could Pruitt speak to this Golden State pushback?

Thanks so much,

Coral

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 6:35 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Totally. I will try to corral some of the schedules on our end and make it happen.
>
> Hope you have a great evening!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Davenport, Coral <coral.davenport@nytimes.com> wrote:
>
>> Thanks for sending!
>> Lemme know when we can get together for OTR lunch/coffee whatev.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy or wld suggest cocktails -- can save those for later!)

Also would love to start a convo about when I cld travel or sit down with the Administrator for a deep-dive intvu and/or profile.

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

OTR – Wanted to flag this editorial for you from the WSJ.

Jahan

**Highway From the Endangerment Zone**

The Wall Street Journal
Editorial

April 19, 2017

https://www.wsj.com/articles/highway-from-the-endangerment-zone-1492555808

Scott Pruitt has emerged as a leading voice in the Trump Administration for U.S. withdrawal from the Paris global climate deal, so it's ironic that the Environmental Protection Agency chief is being assailed from the right for being soft on carbon. Too many conservatives these days are searching for betrayals where none exist.

As Attorney General of Oklahoma, Mr. Pruitt successfully sued to stop the enforcement of President

Obama's regulations known as the Clean Power Plan, or CPP, and he's preparing to dismantle them for good as EPA administrator. The rap from the right is that he won't challenge the underlying determination for regulating CO 2 emissions known as an endangerment finding. In 2009 the EPA concluded in this finding that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases pose a threat to public health and the environment, and this document serves as the nominal legal basis for the CPP and other anti-carbon rules.

Mr. Pruitt's critics claim that withdrawing from the CPP without reversing endangerment will strengthen his opponents in the inevitable green lawsuits that are coming. Endangerment findings create a legal obligation for the EPA to regulate the relevant pollutants, even if carbon is far different from traditional hazards like SO X and NO X .

The endangerment finding was deeply misguided and flawed in its execution, and nobody fought it more than we did. But there's a practical reason that Mr. Pruitt is right about the risks of trying to revoke it now. The finding has been upheld by the courts, and creating a legally bulletproof non-endangerment rule would consume a tremendous amount of EPA resources, especially at an agency with few political appointees and a career staff hostile to reform.

Technical determinations about the state of the science are supposed to be entitled to judicial deference, but the reality is that the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals that would hear the case is packed with progressive judges. Climate change has become a theological conviction on the left, so Mr. Pruitt would almost certainly lose either with a three-judge panel or en banc.

The Supreme Court's appetite for such a case is also minimal, since it would run directly at the 2007 ruling in Massachusetts v. EPA that prepared the way for the

endangerment finding. Justice Anthony Kennedy was in that 5-4 majority.

Mr. Pruitt is already taking on difficult and controversial challenges, so better for the Administration to use scarce political capital where it will make a difference instead of burning it on a doomed mission. The endangerment finding doesn't dictate any specific regulation, and Mr. Pruitt has the discretion to interpret the Clean Air Act to achieve his favored policy outcomes, including to repeal legally tenuous central planning like CPP.

A future Democratic President could use the endangerment finding to revive something like CPP, but then that same Administration could restore endangerment too. Mr. Pruitt is a natural target for the left, but when conservatives are impugning one of the leaders of President Trump's economic deregulation project as a sellout, maybe the problem is the critics, not Mr. Pruitt.

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**To:** Jordan, Scott[Jordan.Scott@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Schmidt, Lorie[Schmidt.Lorie@epa.gov]; Zenick, Elliott[Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]; Steiner, Elyse[Steiner.Elyse@epa.gov]
**From:** Culligan, Kevin
**Sent:** Thur 6/22/2017 6:15:06 PM
**Subject:** Re: CPP - Report on NRDC/OMB Meeting

Good summary. I don't have anything to add.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2017, at 1:37 PM, Jordan, Scott <Jordan.Scott@epa.gov> wrote:

Lorie and Elliott (and Kevin and Elyse, in case they have more to add) -

Today (June 22), I called into the call between NRDC and OMB. Kevin Culligan and Elyse Steiner were also on the call.

NRDC and the folks its brought to the meeting made the following points:

**Ex. 5 - Attorney Client**

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Scott Jordan

Air and Radiation Law Office

Office of General Counsel

202-564-7508

**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**From:** Dominguez, Alexander
**Sent:** Mon 6/12/2017 9:16:13 PM
**Subject:** Voicemails

Monday, June 12, 2017

Voicemails

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

3) Brandon (no last name) had a question on CPP. 202-305-0312

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**Alex Dominguez**

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Washington, D.C. 20460

**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**From:** Middleton, Brandon (ENRD)
**Sent:** Mon 6/12/2017 7:31:07 PM
**Subject:** RE: CPP litigation

Ok sounds good, thanks Mandy. Safe travels back!

Brandon

**From:** Gunasekara, Mandy [mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, June 12, 2017 3:29 PM
**To:** Middleton, Brandon (ENRD) <BMiddleton@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>
**Subject:** Re: CPP litigation

Hey Brandon,

I have not seen it but I am still in Italy. I fly back tomorrow and will be in work on Wednesday. I'll check with our folks, but feel free to Give me a call then.

Best,

Mandy

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 12, 2017, at 7:36 PM, Middleton, Brandon (ENRD) <Brandon.Middleton@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Hey Mandy,

I understand you were away last week—hope you had a great trip, and welcome back!
Have your folks shared with you a draft status report in CPP, by chance? Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Brandon

202-305-0312

**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Black, Noel W.[NWBLACK@southernco.com]
**From:** Horton, Melissa H.
**Sent:** Mon 6/5/2017 3:35:38 PM
**Subject:** RE: Cell

Great! Please use Conf. Call Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Access Code Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

-----Original Message-----
From: Gunasekara, Mandy [mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Horton, Melissa H. <MHIGGINS@southernco.com>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Black, Noel W. <NWBLACK@southernco.com>
Subject: RE: Cell

Yes - that will work. Do you have a call-in number?

-----Original Message-----
From: Horton, Melissa H. [mailto:MHIGGINS@southernco.com]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Black, Noel W. <NWBLACK@southernco.com>
Subject: RE: Cell

Hi Mandy. I'm working with Noel on this meeting. I set up a call for us to speak today at 2pm. Let me know if this works. Thank you!

Melissa

-----Original Message-----
From: Gunasekara, Mandy [mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 7:55 PM
To: Black, Noel W. <NWBLACK@southernco.com>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Horton, Melissa H. <MHIGGINS@southernco.com>
Subject: Re: Cell

Hey Noel,

Sorry it's been hard to connect. The date is set for June 19 starting at 1 pm at EPA HQ.

I hate to call now as I hope you've started your weekend. Does it work to connect early on Monday?

Best,
Mandy

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 1, 2017, at 11:13 AM, Black, Noel W. <NWBLACK@southernco.com> wrote:
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> Mandy,
>
> Running down the 19th. Fanning is not available but our COO Kim Greene is available...She has been very involved in the Kemper County Lignite Facility. Do you have a time and place?
>
> Also when you have a moment give me a call...a couple of other questions.
>

> Thanks, Noel Black
> Vice President
> Federal Regulatory Affairs
> Southern Company
> 202.261.5024 office
> Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy mobile
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>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Gunasekara, Mandy [mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 10:37 AM
> To: Jackson, Ryan; Black, Noel W.
> Subject: RE: Cell
>
> Hey Noel, Following up from our phone call below is the list of confirmed and tentative/invited attendees. I'll update as appropriate. Let me know if you have any follow-up questions.
>
> Confirmed:
> Nick Akins, AEP
> Gerry Anderson, DTE
> Warner Baxter, Ameren
> Pat Vincent-Collawn, PNM
> Chris Crane, Exelon
> Leo Denault, Entergy
> Tom Farrell, Dominion
> Ben Fowke, Xcel
> Lynn Good, Duke
> Sean Trauschke, OGE
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> Invited:
> Southern Co.
> NRECA (top 3 to 5)
> Basin
> TRI-State
> APPA (top 3 to 5 from Cory)
> TVA
> LGE-KU
> LPPC
> Luminant
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jackson, Ryan
> Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 6:33 AM
> To: Black, Noel W. <NWBLACK@southernco.com>
> Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Cell
>
> Noel, we wanted to see if your CEO or appropriate representative could join a round table with the Administrator on June 19 at 1pm in EPA for a couple hour stakeholder meeting with the Administrator on next steps after the CPP.
>
> We are happy to talk further on this. Much appreciated.
>
> Ryan.

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> _____
> Ryan Jackson
> Chief of Staff
> U.S. EPA
> Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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>> On May 30, 2017, at 10:21 PM, Black, Noel W. <NWBLACK@southernco.com> wrote:
>>
>> Mandy,
>>
>> Just seeing this my apologies.
>>
>> My cell is Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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>> I'll give you a call in the morning.
>>
>> Looking forward to talking.
>>
>> Thanks, Noel
>> Southern Company
>> Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
>>
>> Please excuse any typos...this is coming from my iPhone.
>>
>> On May 30, 2017, at 8:09 PM, Gunasekara, Mandy
<Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov<mailto:Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>> wrote:
>>
>> Hey Noel,
>>
>> I hope you are well. What's the best number to reach you? We are setting up the CEO utility round table with the Administrator for June 19th at EPA and we'd love Mr. Fanning to attend.
>>
>> Give me a call when you have a sec: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
>>
>> Best,
>> Mandy
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Fotouhi, David[fotouhi.david@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**From:** Middleton, Brandon (ENRD)
**Sent:** Wed 4/12/2017 9:22:20 PM
**Subject:** FW: CPP litigation: severance and consolidation
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David,

We received authorization to file cpp merits, thank you. Please find attached cpp admin denial briefs and new source briefs, for your review and input.

Brandon

**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**From:** Middleton, Brandon (ENRD)
**Sent:** Tue 3/28/2017 5:25:43 PM
**Subject:** Latest versions of abeyance motions
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ENV_DEFENSE-#801319-v1-CPP__March_28_abeyance_draft.doc

CPP and new source.

**To:** Gunasekara, Mandy[Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
**From:** Middleton, Brandon (ENRD)
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 10:29:57 PM
**Subject:** Abeyance motion
draftabeyance.DOC

Working draft of motion. Attorney-client privileged.

Will be reviewing further this weekend.