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settlements in Arizona. Anything that affects the operation and the cost of NGS has significant and far-reaching effects on CAP, the federal government, and the people of Arizona.

CAWCD's principal concern with the letter is that it suggests a potential change in focus of the on-going, and as yet incomplete, NGS analysis. As you are aware, CAWCD and other affected parties are actively participating in the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) rulemaking process initiated by the EPA in August 2009. Indeed, the letter refers to implementation of the Regional Haze Program, BART, and its focus on visibility improvements in national parks and wilderness areas. However, the letter quickly leaves this issue behind, focusing instead on "human health" and "advancing our nation's renewable energy future." While these are always important goals, the issue currently before the EPA is the BART rulemaking process. With so much at stake for CAP and the people of Arizona, including Tribal communities, completion of this rulemaking process is critical so that the NGS owners can make an informed decision regarding the future of the plant.

In recent congressional testimony, Administrator Jackson indicated that a decision on BART for NGS would be issued by late summer. With the publication of the portion of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's NGS study relating to the five statutory BART factors, there would appear to be sufficient information available now upon which to base a decision. That study is inconclusive as to whether additional NO_x emissions control technology at NGS would produce any visibility impacts detectable by the human eye in the Class I areas proximate to the plant. Consequently, the existing pollution control system at NGS, which is the best available for reducing SO₂ coupled with Low NO_x Burners with Separated Over Fire Air (LNB/SOFA), ought to be considered as the best available control technology at this time. Should such retrofit technology as Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) or SCR plus baghouses be required at a cost of about \$500 million to \$1.13 billion, substantial negative impacts to Tribal, agricultural, and municipal and industrial users of CAP water will occur. In addition, should such retrofit also be required before key uncertainties are resolved (such as the plant site lease, transmission and transportation easements and rights of way, water supply and coal agreements, etc.), this decision would likely trigger the permanent shutdown of NGS by its owners. That result is untenable for CAWCD and operation of the CAP. In any event, we respectfully request that the EPA make a determination on the BART question as quickly as possible.

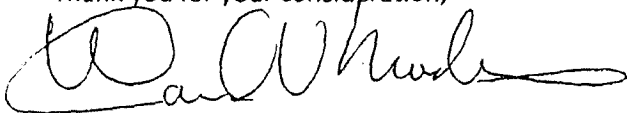
CAWCD is also concerned that the letter appears to be leading toward a near-term renewable energy option for NGS. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory is prepared to look at renewable energy and transition issues in greater detail through a more inclusive second phase of the alternatives and impact study on NGS Air Visibility Regulations. It is most appropriate that such a review be conducted by NREL in a manner that is consistent with the first phase and includes participation of all of the affected parties. As it stands, renewable energy sources cannot replace the CAP's needs now or in the near (and perhaps distant) future. CAP requires a base load supply that renewable energy alternatives currently cannot provide. Therefore, the EPA's focus must remain on issuing a BART determination as soon as possible.

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Finally, the Administrator's letter makes several references to the "tribes," including protecting their economic interests and "mitigating the impacts" upon them. With regard to the ultimate outcome on NGS, different tribes will be affected in different ways. As discussed in the NREL study and CAWCD's comments thereto (both the initial two-page comments and the subsequent letter sent to EPA Region 9 Administrator Jared Blumenfeld and Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes), the effects that changes to NGS, including attempts to incorporate renewable energy alternatives, would have on tribes will vary depending on whether the tribe is the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, tribes that have settled water rights claims such as the Gila River Indian Community, or tribes that have yet to settle their claims. Nonetheless, there is no disputing the overall negative effect of shutting down NGS or requiring expensive retrofits. Moreover, if renewable energy eventually becomes a technically and economically feasible alternative to power the CAP, it is uncertain if the plant owners would participate in development of one or more renewable energy alternatives specifically for NGS rather than participating in other projects that may meet their individual needs.

At CAWCD, we are focused on providing water to Arizona in the most efficient and economical manner, while preserving our other great natural resources. This service requires balancing many considerations. From a visibility perspective, we believe that balance is achieved by the current LNB/SOFA system at NGS. We encourage a prompt resolution to the BART process.

Thank you for your consideration,



David V. Modeer
General Manager



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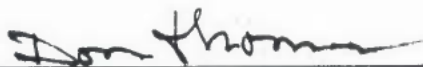
Dear Ms. Lisa Jackson,

This letter is written on behalf of the Board of Directors of Improve Water Association. We want to recognize and convey our appreciation for the assistance that we received from Mr. Tommy Ricks, Ms. Debbie Luther and the Community Resource Group organization. This organization has been extremely instrumental to our Association in connection to an ongoing merger and new plant construction phase. As a result of this merger, our customer base increased, subsequently causing an increase in our office personnel. In addition, this merger project changed requirements for our Association's annual audit.

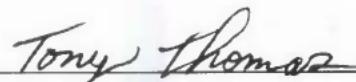
Mr. Ricks worked with our office manager and operator of record to reorganize our Annual Budget; he has also spent countless hours assisting with the organization and restructuring of our office internal controls. His knowledge of rural water office operations, along with his professional guidance and direction, has equipped our Association to operate a more efficient office. We appreciate his personal hard work and that of the Community Resource Group.

We would also like to express to you, our confidence in the Community Resource Group and the value it has to our Association, as well as to other rural water associations. We urge you to consider the Community Resource Group a vital organization to the current and future needs of our community and other communities as well.

Sincerely,



Don Thomas, President
Improved Water Association



Tony N. Thomas
Operator of Record

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Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
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Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of the Breast Cancer Fund, I am writing to strongly urge you to support a mammary gland endpoint as part of the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) testing protocol for chemicals, as originally proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Globally, breast cancer effects more women than any other cancer and in 2008 resulted in 458,000 deaths. In 2011, the American Cancer Society estimates that breast cancer will account for 230,480 new cases and 39,520 deaths in the U.S. It is the number one cause of cancer deaths for women from age 20 – 59. As disturbing as these numbers are, they cannot begin to tell the full story of the devastating effect breast cancer has on the women and families struggling with this disease.

More and more scientific evidence points to environmental contaminants as important risk factors for breast cancer. Genetics and lifestyle can only account for a portion of breast cancer diagnoses and the data showing that the chemicals we are exposed to in our daily lives are adding to the unacceptably high incidence of the disease is mounting. While current evidence is strong, there is so much more we need to know to fully understand the health impacts of the over 80,000 chemicals registered under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and more specifically, their impact on breast health and the incidence of breast cancer.

This huge data gap is perpetuated by the fact that standard chemical safety testing protocols do not specifically and routinely look at mammary gland endpoints. Screening for mammary gland impacts are of particular importance since, unlike other organs, the breast continues to develop through childhood and puberty, and does not fully mature until a woman's first lactation. This exposes the breast to numerous windows of susceptibility to chemical insult, yet we know almost nothing about how the vast majority of chemicals impact the breast through this extended developmental process.

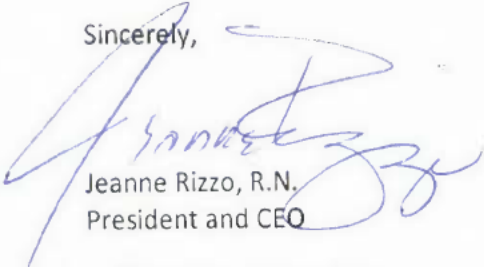
In 2008, the EPA took a critical step toward closing this knowledge gap by recommending the development and validation of a workable protocol for routinely looking at mammary gland endpoints. Once such a protocol was shown to be reliable and feasible, the EPA called for it to be incorporated into OECD's Extended One-Generation Reproductive Toxicity Study (EOGRTS). This position represented an important first step toward better information and understanding of chemical impacts on the breast.

The OECD accepted the U.S. position and the EPA asked staff at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, working with international collaborators, to develop an efficient, reliable and cost effective mammary gland endpoint test from the already well-established protocols used in academic laboratories. This protocol was developed over the last year and a half, but when the time came to submit it for validation, the Office of Pesticide Programs changed course and recommended that the OECD *not* include mammary gland endpoints. This decision cut short the process of even determining if there is a feasible way to include this endpoint in standard chemical safety testing. The OECD testing protocols are used around the world and will almost certainly be used as the European Union implements its REACH program requiring extensive testing of chemicals, making this a critical time to include this endpoint.

Given the unique nature of breast development and the overwhelming incidence of breast cancer, we are outraged by the EPA's inexplicable reversal of its original proposal. . We respectfully urge you to intervene in this process and reinstate the U.S. position to pursue a workable method for including mammary gland endpoints in OECD's EOGRTS testing protocols given the importance of the information to the health of women around the world. We further request that, once validated, these endpoints be included in any U.S. chemical safety testing protocols. The women of our nation, and indeed the world, deserve no less.

The Working Group of OECD Coordinators will meet in April to finalize plans for this year's protocol changes, so time is of the essence. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this critical issue as soon as possible. Please respond to my staff member, Nancy Buermeyer, Senior Policy Strategist, who can be reached at 415-346-8223 ext. 16 or nbuermeyer@breastcancerfund.org.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Rizzo, R.N.
President and CEO



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Subject: Daily Reading File-Supplemental request for Authorization Determination Pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 209 (e) for California's Regulation of In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets

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RE: SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION DETERMINATION
PURSUANT TO CLEAN AIR ACT SECTION 209(e) FOR CALIFORNIA'S
REGULATION OF IN-USE OFF-ROAD DIESEL-FUELED FLEETS

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing to supplement the California Air Resources Board's (CARB or Board) request originally submitted on August 8, 2008, that, pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) section 209(e)(2), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorize California to enforce its recently amended "Regulation of In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets" (In-Use Off-Road Regulation).¹

The Board initially approved the In-Use Off-Road Regulation at a public hearing on July 26, 2007, by Resolution 07-19 (enclosed herewith). At the direction of the Board, CARB's Executive Officer formally adopted the In-Use Regulation in Executive Order R-08-002 on April 4, 2008. CARB subsequently amended the regulation after conducting hearings in December 2008, January 2009, July 2009, and most recently in December 2010. As will be explained below, the December 2010 amendments significantly modified the regulation's compliance dates and in-use performance requirements. The In-Use Off-Road regulation, as amended, is codified at title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 2449 through 2449.2.² The California Office of Administrative Law approved the most recent amendments on December 14, 2011, which became operative under California law on that same date.

¹ The federal Clean Air Act refers to these engines as "nonroad." For purposes of this request, the terms "off-road" and "nonroad" are used interchangeably.

² Unless otherwise noted, all section references are to title 13, CCR.

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CARB submitted to EPA a request for authorization on the initially adopted regulation on August 8, 2008, and EPA conducted a public hearing on October 27, 2008. CARB subsequently expanded its request to include most of the amendments to the regulation that were approved (and later adopted) by the Board at the December 2008 and January and July 2009 Board hearings.³ A second hearing was conducted by EPA on April 14, 2010.

Since the Board first considered adopting the In-Use Off-Road Regulation, California, as well as the nation, has been mired in a deep, long-lasting economic recession. The California construction industry – the industrial sector primarily affected by the regulation – has been especially hard hit, suffering significant lost business activity and revenues and high unemployment. This has financially strained the ability of the construction sector, as well as other industries covered by the regulation, to absorb or pass on the costs associated with meeting the regulation's in-use performance requirements.

In response to the economic recession, and to revisions to the off-road regulation inventory (completed in 2010), CARB considered and subsequently adopted significant amendments to the In-Use Off-Road regulation. These amendments provide fleets with significant economic relief while continuing to meet the Board's air quality goals and obligations under federal and State law. Accordingly, CARB requests that EPA consider these amendments in granting California authorization under CAA section 209(e)(2); this request hereby supplements the requests submitted to EPA on August 8, 2008, and February 9, 2010.

Enclosed for your review is CARB's analysis supporting this supplemental request for authorization. The analysis includes a summary of the regulatory changes, a review of the criteria governing EPA's evaluation of a California authorization request, and the legal arguments that compel EPA to grant the request. The analysis incorporates enclosures from the rulemaking and is formatted on a CD-ROM for your convenience.

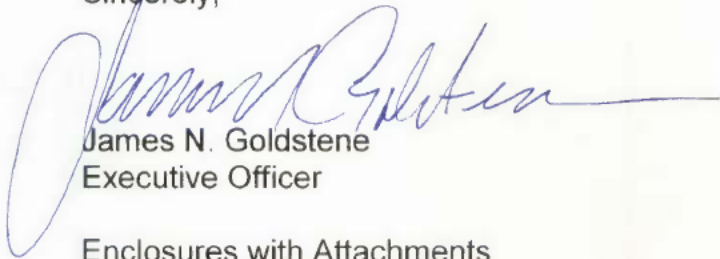
If you need additional technical information on this item, please contact Ms. Kim Heroy-Rogalski, Manager of Off-Road Implementation Section, at (916) 327-2200 or

³ Several of the amendments approved by the Board at the July 2009 Board hearing were still in the rulemaking process at the time of the February 2010 submission and not included as part of the supplemental request. Those amendments are covered in this supplemental authorization request.

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Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing to request that pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) section 209(e)(2) the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorize California to enforce its recently amended "Regulation to Reduce Emissions of Diesel Particulate Matter, Oxides of Nitrogen and Other Criteria Pollutants from In-Use Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Vehicles" (commonly referred to as the "Truck and Bus Regulation") as it applies to yard trucks powered by off-road engines and the auxiliary engine on two-engine sweepers.¹ With the exception of the two above-described types of vehicles, the regulation applies to in-use (non-new) on-road motor vehicles that are not subject to preemption under CAA section 209(a) and therefore do not require a waiver under section 209(b).

The Truck and Bus Regulation was approved for adoption by the Air Resources Board (CARB or the Board) on December 11, 2008, and formally adopted on October 19, 2009. The regulation is codified at title 13, California Code of Regulations (Cal. Code Regs.), section 2025. The Board subsequently amended the regulation on September

¹ The federal Clean Air Act refers to these engines as "nonroad." For purposes of this request, the terms "off-road" and "nonroad" are used interchangeably. The Truck and Bus Regulation does not apply to yard trucks used at ports and intermodal rail yard facilities, which are subject to California's mobile cargo handling regulation, title 13 California Code of Regulations., section 2479, and covered by a separate authorization request.

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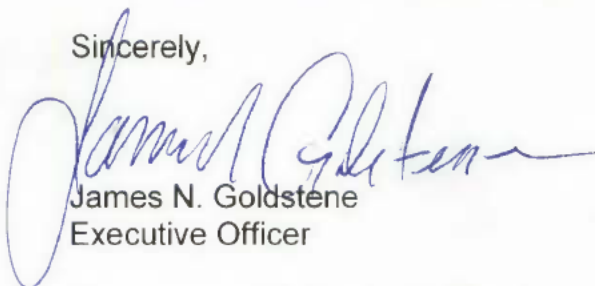
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19, 2011, which was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on December 14, 2011, and became operative under California law on the same date. CARB adopted the Truck and Bus Regulation to reduce emissions of diesel particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen from nearly one million in-use heavy-duty diesel trucks and buses (vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 pounds) that operate in California. The reductions were adopted to meet State and federal air quality standards. The regulation, as adopted, supported the Risk Reduction Plan to Reduce Particulate Matter Emissions from Diesel-Fueled Engines and Vehicles, which the Board adopted on September 30, 2000. The amended Regulation, when implemented, will require the installation of PM filters² on nearly all heavy-duty diesel vehicles with a GVWR greater than 26,000 pounds by January 1, 2014, and that nearly all heavy-duty diesel vehicles with a GVWR greater than 14,000 pounds be equipped with engines meeting 2010 or later model-year engine emission standards by 2023.

Enclosed for your review is CARB's analysis supporting its requested authorization. The analysis includes a summary of the regulatory changes, a review of the criteria governing EPA's evaluation of a California authorization request, and the legal arguments that compel EPA to grant the request. The analysis incorporates enclosures from the rulemaking and is formatted on a CD-ROM for your convenience.

If you need additional technical information on this item, please contact Mr. Tony Brasil, Chief of Heavy-Duty Diesel Implementation Branch, Mobile Source Control Division, at (916) 322-1017 or abrasil@arb.ca.gov. You may address legal questions to Mr. Michael L. Terris, Senior Staff Counsel, at (916) 445-9815 or mterris@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



James N. Goldstene
Executive Officer

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² The PM filter must be either a retrofit device that meets the highest level verified diesel emission control strategy approved by ARB or be an original equipment filter installed on a heavy-duty engine certified by the ARB or EPA.



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Sincerely,

Mayor Annise Parker



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Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File-Support for Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants
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Respectfully,

Art Madrid
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Sub-Committee: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File-Support of scientific review of the Bristol Bay Tribes

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Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, I write to you in support of the Bristol Bay tribes who are fighting to protect their homeland from proposed large-scale mining development that is a threat to their clean water, fisheries and cultures. Similar to the Bristol Bay tribes, the Cowlitz Tribe also has a serious concern associated with mining developments in our homelands within SW Washington State near Mt. St. Helens. We plan to approach EPA in the near future with those concerns. As with many tribes, mining has been, continues to be, and are a future threat associated with significant degradation of homelands and the sacred resources within. Although tribes have taken significant steps to protect their lands from future damage, we also count upon the EPA to do its' due diligence to take the appropriate steps to work with the tribes in support of environmental protection into the foreseeable future and beyond.

We thank the Environmental Protection Agency for upholding their trust responsibility by starting a Scientific Assessment of the Bristol Bay, Alaska watershed. In Bristol Bay there is the opportunity to sustain one of the world's last great sockeye salmon fisheries and the indigenous people who depend on it. A fishery that not only has defined who they are as indigenous people for centuries but also has been the backbone of Bristol Bay's local economy and a vital food source on the tables of American's throughout the country.

We support the EPA's scientific review of Bristol Bay and while we thank you for initiating this review and ensuring Traditional Ecological Knowledge is included, we ask that this study be considered the first step. With the authority under the Clean Water Act to invoke Section 404 (c), the EPA could bestow the protection Bristol Bay's indigenous people need against the type of large-scale developments that can devastate its fisheries and therefore the indigenous people's cultures that rely on a pristine Bristol Bay to survive.

We the undersigned are writing in support of the Bristol Bay tribes who have requested the EPA take action to protect their indigenous people and future generations by applying the EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act Section 404 (c) to withdraw waters and wetlands in the headwaters of the Bristol Bay watershed from dredge and fill activity associated with large-scale mining operations.

Sincerely,

William Iyall, Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Cc: Dennis McLerran, EPA Region 10 Administrator



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Control Information

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Subject: Daily Reading File- Expression of strong support for MATS from elected officials representing big cities and small towns

Instructions: AD-Prepare draft response for the Administrator's signature

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

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Lead Author: Pamela Garrett
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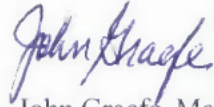
Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York City

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Sincerely,

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John Graefe, Mayor
Bethlehem Township, Hunterdon County,
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Citizen Information

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Sub-Committee: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File- Concerns with direction of EPA-supervised remediation at Gowanus Canal National Priorities List Site in Brooklyn, NY

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

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CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

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Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Re: Gowanus Canal National Priorities List Site, Brooklyn, NY

Dear Administrator Jackson and Assistant Administrator Stanislaus:

In advance of our meeting with Headquarters staff on March 16, 2012, the City of New York is writing to express our serious concerns with the direction of the EPA-supervised remediation of hazardous substances at the Gowanus Canal National Priorities List site. While the City firmly believes that the Gowanus project can and should be conducted on a faster track than is normally associated with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), the City also believes that speed should not come at the expense of sound science, fiscal prudence, and sustainable environmental and public health protection. EPA's own Contaminated Sediment Technical Advisory Group ("CSTAG") appears to share many of the City's concerns. In its recent review of the Gowanus project CSTAG recommended, among other things, that more data be collected and that a greater effort be made to identify and control ongoing sources of contamination before a final remedy is chosen, and that EPA take a more iterative approach overall. The City believes that disregarding CSTAG's recommendations could make the project a costly failure.

We are sharing these concerns with you in the spirit of furthering our mutual goal of achieving a protective and cost-effective remedy at the site. The Gowanus Canal cleanup has the potential to be one of the most successful urban waterway remediation projects in the nation. The site is centrally located near diverse and thriving Brooklyn neighborhoods, and commercial reuse of contaminated upland sites is very likely to occur following cleanup

(and in fact has already occurred at some parcels). New commercial uses will in turn, add to the vitality of the neighborhood. In addition, both the State and the City are already engaged in projects outside of the federal CERCLA process that will help to improve the Canal's environmental conditions. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") is overseeing National Grid's investigation and remediation of three manufactured gas plant ("MGP") sites adjacent to the Canal, and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's ("DEP's") program to address combined sewer overflows ("CSOs") under the Clean Water Act ("CWA"). Under this program, DEP is implementing a \$140 million capital project that will reduce CSO discharges into the Canal by one-third, and bring fresh water into the dead-end Canal. The City will also be implementing green infrastructure and other projects in the Gowanus watershed that will further improve water quality.

We had hoped that EPA's remediation process would build on these pre-existing elements, and result in an innovative and sustainable remedy for the Canal. Unfortunately, EPA is proceeding in a manner that substantially deviates from the normal CERCLA process and EPA's management of other complex sediment sites. As set forth in the attached Technical Memorandum ("NYC Tech. Memo") and the City's prior technical submissions, this substantial deviation has resulted in a technically flawed, incomplete and procedurally deficient remedial investigation ("RI") and feasibility study ("FS") that directly contradicts EPA's approach at those other contaminated sediment sites.

EPA Region 2 has been made aware of these concerns, and will be responding to CSTAG's recommendations in the near future. At this date, however, the Region has maintained that it still plans to issue a Proposed Remedial Action Plan ("PRAP") in June 2012, and a Record of Decision ("ROD") in December 2012, and that it is not exploring an interim or phased remedy. Furthermore, the Region has indicated that the PRAP and ROD will attempt to address the City's ongoing discharges of CSOs, which we view as a very different matter than any historical discharges that passed through the City's sewer system. From the perspective of the City as a local government and wastewater utility, selection of a CERCLA remedy on this schedule and despite known data gaps will result in severe and lasting negative impacts to the surrounding community, on City ratepayers and taxpayers, on DEP's ability to successfully implement its CWA program, and on all of the parties' ability to implement a successful, protective, and cost-effective remedy under CERCLA. The Gowanus Canal project is extremely important to the City and its residents, and deserves to be treated with the same level of technical expertise and informed decision-making as other complex sediment sites around the country.

As you are aware, EPA established CSTAG for precisely this purpose. CSTAG's stated mission is to help Remedial Project Managers to "appropriately investigate and manage the sites in accordance with the 11 risk management principles", and to "encourage national consistency in the management of sediment sites".

On January 30, 2012, CSTAG issued detailed recommendations to Region 2 based on the 11 risk management principles set forth in the OSWER Directive 9285.6-08, Principles for Managing

Contaminated Sediment Risks at Hazardous Waste Sites. It is fair to say that CSTAG's recommendations for the Gowanus site are among the most far reaching, detailed and prescriptive of any issued at the 15 CSTAG sites to date. CSTAG's recommendations for the Gowanus demonstrate that the administrative and investigative process for this site is proceeding in a manner that is far afield from the normal CERCLA process. As also discussed in further detail in the attached NYC Tech. Memo, CSTAG's major recommendations to the Region include:

- **Interim and Final ROD:** CSTAG strongly recommended that the Region focus first on remediating areas where the sediments contain Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids ("NAPL") and coal tar deposits. (Gen. Rec.) It recommends an Interim ROD that would address this contamination. Also, CSTAG recommended that a Final ROD be issued only "after the CSOs, ground-water, permitted and unpermitted discharges have been further controlled and their impacts understood." (Recs. 2, 7) Based on our review, all of the CSTAG sites but three that are at a preliminary stage have had some form of iterative remedy, ranging from multiple removal actions, early actions, operable units, interim RODs, or corrective actions at upland sites. CSTAG's recommendation regarding an Interim ROD for Gowanus to address NAPL is consistent with these approaches and with the complexity of the Gowanus site and the unremediated, upland sources.
- **Additional data:** Noting the Region's and the City's substantially different assessment of solid loading and contaminant sources to the Canal, CSTAG recommended that the Region develop the additional data necessary for a more robust conceptual site model. CSTAG identified specific data that it recommended be collected "to improve the conceptual understanding of sediment and contaminant transport in the Gowanus Canal, and for quantifying the mass balance of sediments and contaminants at this site." (Rec. 6) Specific data gaps are identified and discussed in the attached NYC Tech. Memo. This is especially important, as DEP's ongoing Clean Water Act project will fundamentally change the hydrology of the Canal.
- **Coordination:** CSTAG recommended that the Region reconcile its activities under CERCLA with other federally-mandated programs, including the City's CSO program to comply with the CWA that long predated listing of the site on the National Priorities List (Rec. 1) Reconciliation and coordination are critical given the lack of precedent for addressing biological materials and CSO-related sediments under CERCLA rather than the CWA, the absence of any water quality case for doing so, and the sheer complexity and cost of the CSO controls contemplated by the Region. As we have explained on numerous occasions, the cost-attainment curves for meeting water quality standards show sharply diminishing returns even at very high levels of investments. Yet the EPA has not modeled the impact of ongoing projects, such as rehabilitation of the Flushing Tunnel to increase flows of Harbor water at background conditions, upon sediments in the canal.

- **Alternatives:** CSTAG recommended further evaluation of the “expected limited effectiveness” and even counter-productive impacts of deep dredging – which was effectively the only remedial alternative evaluated by Region 2 in the draft FS. CSTAG specifically recommended that the Region develop and evaluate a far broader range of remedial alternatives that focus on capping and minimizing removal of sediments, including use of a cap without dredging, in situ stabilization and monitored natural attenuation for the lower reach of the Canal. Indeed, the dredging proposed by Region 2 has the distinct potential to cause severe environmental, community and construction impacts, including the potential to undermine the existing bulkheads that run the entire length of the Canal. It also could threaten the City’s ability to achieve the water quality improvements associated with the facility upgrades currently underway.
- **Refine objectives:** CSTAG recommended that the Region refine the Remedial Action Objectives so that they are “supported by quantifiable statements that specify the media and contaminant clean-up levels to be achieved by the remedy in the short-term and long-term.” (Rec. 9) As indicated in the attached Technical Memorandum, the City’s analysis indicates that the ecological sediment Preliminary Remedial Goals (“PRGs”) for key contaminants of concerns are flawed and inconsistent with PRGs used at other sites. *See NYC Tech. Memo.*

In addition, the remedy selection process itself for the Gowanus Canal diverges completely from that completed at other CSTAG sites. Contaminated sediment sites subject to CSTAG’s purview take time for a reason. They are complicated and require substantial data gathering and analysis. The Gowanus Canal site was listed on the National Priorities List on March 2, 2010. EPA issued a draft RI report in January 2011, and a draft FS on December 30, 2011, and expects to issue the PRAP in June, 2012 and a ROD in 2012. The pace of the remedy selection is unprecedented not only for CSTAG sites, but for contaminated sediment sites in general.

While the City supports the need for swift progress, this truncated schedule, inconsistent with every other CSTAG site (including nearby Newtown Creek, which is also in EPA Region 2), has led to the very data gaps and incomplete evaluation of remedial alternatives that form the heart of the City’s concerns, concerns that are consistent with CSTAG’s recommendations. For example, the draft FS states that all dredge alternatives must include upland source control (e.g., control of NAPL discharges from three separate manufactured gas plant (“MGP”) sites, CSO controls, and control of unpermitted discharges) as a necessary first component of the selected dredge remedy. Yet, the FS does not identify those alternatives (it merely states that they are being developed). Therefore, the FS contains no comparison of those alternatives against any National Contingency Plan criteria, including protectiveness, effectiveness, implementability and cost. It is simply not possible to complete the detailed, considered and legally required evaluation of any upland source controls on the schedule and in the manner currently proposed.

We are concerned that if the remedy selection proceeds without properly addressing CSTAG’s recommendations and other key technical gaps, then the remedy will be incomplete, incapable of

addressing short-term and long-term risks, and result in a non-implementable plan. Stated another way, we believe that a premature remedial decision will substantially increase the likelihood that the remedy will fail, or will require substantial modifications, delaying the improvements to the Canal. That is unacceptable, particularly for a remedy that, as proposed, will cost well in excess of \$400 million. Thus, the City has four specific requests for EPA Headquarters, all of which we believe are consistent with CSTAG's recommendations:

- The City requests that EPA Headquarters intervene to ensure that there will be no recommendation for CSO controls presented in a PRAP until the necessary additional data are collected and analyzed. This includes data necessary to: (1) adequately characterize the current conditions of CSOs and their potential impact on the Canal; (2) characterize the impact of future CSO conditions after the current investments and upgrades take effect in 2013, and refine the hydrology study to reflect the reactivation of the flushing tunnel in 2013; and (3) revise the toxicity tests that are the basis for the seriously flawed amphipod PRG;
- The City requests that EPA follow CSTAG's recommendation to issue an interim ROD to remediate the NAPL sources from the three MGP sites and then a Final ROD only after the completion of a thorough technical evaluation of the impact of the remaining sources (any groundwater or other seepage passing through the sewer system and CSOs, permitted/unpermitted discharges);
- The City requests that headquarters require coordination with DEC in order to integrate the CERCLA process with the City's Long Term Control Plan ("LTCP") for the Canal under CWA, which is due to the DEC in 2015; and
- The City requests that headquarters require the consideration of additional in-canal remedies besides deep dredging and capping before issuing the PRAP, based on thorough engineering analyses and the demonstrated ability to meet RAOs.

As we have informed Region 2, the City is prepared to work to fill these data gaps, enhance the existing CSM, and evaluate additional alternatives, without significant delays to the ultimate remedy. For example, if the EPA were to adopt an interim remedy focusing on NAPL removal and control, as CSTAG recommends, DEP is prepared to undertake critical studies on a parallel path. DEP's collection of essential data would include additional CSO solids sampling, background sampling, and ecological toxicity testing to refine the ecological PRGs. The City would also use data to develop a predictive model that can assess conditions after the City's current CSO upgrades are completed in 2013. DEP has offered to accelerate an engineering analysis to coincide with the LTCP of CSO volume and sediment control alternatives.

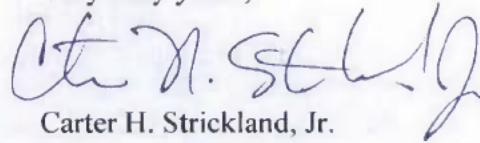
This would include evaluating alternatives for CSO volume reduction and conducting a pilot study on sediment reduction alternatives to address any demonstrated contribution of any hazardous substances in CSOs that result in unacceptable risks. DEP is also prepared to focus its

Green Infrastructure program on the Gowanus drainage basin, and to use that basin to evaluate to effectiveness of different Green Infrastructure measures.

EPA listed the Gowanus Canal on the National Priorities List because it believed the complex site conditions warranted CERCLA's rigorous technical approach to remedial decision-making. The City strongly urges EPA take action to ensure that the Gowanus Canal CERCLA Site achieves this standard.

I look forward to discussing these issues with you and your staff next week.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carter H. Strickland, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Carter H. Strickland, Jr.

Enclosure

c: Judith Enck, Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Caswell Holloway, Deputy Mayor for Operations, New York City



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The National Security Affairs Calendar for the upcoming months is attached. Please transmit the attached materials to the Executive Secretary-level representative noted on the attached National Security Affairs Calendar Distribution Sheet.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Feb 27-Mar 9 Commission on Status of Women, 2012 Session, New York

Feb 27-Mar 23 19th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva

Mar 3-6* Visit of President Peres of Israel to Washington

Mar 4-6 Visit of Vice President Biden to Mexico and Honduras

Mar 5-6* Visit of Prime Minister Netanyahu of Israel to Washington

Mar 5-6* Visit of Defense Minister Allamand of Chile to Washington

Mar 5-8 19th Annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), Seattle

Mar 6-8 U.S.-China Forum on Illegal Logging, Beijing

Mar 6-9 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Mar 6-10* Visit of Foreign Minister Sikorski of Poland to Washington and Georgia

Mar 7-9* Visit of Prime Minister al-Keib of Libya to Washington

Mar 8* Visit of President Mills of Ghana to Washington

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- Mar 8* U.S.-China Sub-Dialogue on Latin America, Washington
- Mar 8 12th Regular Session of the Organization of American State's Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism, Washington
- Mar 8-9 4th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Intersessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament, Sydney
- Mar 8-10 2012 Women in the World Summit, New York
- Mar 9 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Urban Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers (HUD lead), Chicago
- Mar 9* Central America Accelerated Security Implementation (CAASIM) Meeting, Washington
- Mar 9* Visit of Foreign Minister Kim of South Korea to Washington
- Mar 10 Parliamentary Elections in Slovakia
- Mar 11 Legislative Elections in El Salvador

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- Mar 12-14 International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting, Kuwait City
- Mar 12-16 55th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND), Vienna
- Mar 12-16 Visit of Secretary of Defense Panetta to Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan and United Arab Emirates
- Mar 12-17 6th World Water Forum, Marseille

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- Mar 13-15* Visit of Prime Minister Cameron of the United Kingdom to Washington
- Mar 14-15* Visit of Foreign Minister El Othmani of Morocco to Washington
- Mar 14-16* 4th Regular Meeting of the Summit of the Americas Implementation Review Group (SIRG), Washington
- Mar 15* Meeting of the President's Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons (PITF), Washington
- Mar 17 Presidential Elections in Timor-Leste—1st Round
- Mar 17-18 China Development Forum, Beijing
- Mar 18 Presidential Elections in Guinea-Bissau (Snap)
- Mar 19* Visit of Foreign Minister Azubalis of Lithuania to Washington
- Mar 20* Visit of Prime Minister Kenny of Ireland to Washington
- Mar 21* Visit of Foreign Minister Pusic of Croatia to Washington
- Mar 21-23* Visit of Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid al Khalifa, Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad al Khalifa and Deputy Prime Minister Mohammad bin Mubarak of Bahrain to Washington
- Mar 22-23* Visit of Foreign Minister Meredov of Turkmenistan to Washington for U.S.-Turkmenistan Bilateral Consultations
- Mar 23* Visit of Foreign Minister Bassole of Burkina Faso to Washington
- Mar 24 (T) Gulf Security Forum (GSF), Riyadh

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Mar 25 Hong Kong Chief Executive Selection

Mar 25 Presidential Elections in Senegal—2nd Round

Mar 25-27 Arab League Summit, Baghdad

Mar 25-30 Visit of Secretary of Commerce Bryson to India

Mar 26-27 2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul

Mar 26-27 Visit of Secretary of Defense Panetta to Canada

Mar 26-27 Visit of President Obama to South Korea

Mar 26-27 Regional Economic Conference for Cooperation in Afghanistan (RECCA), Dushanbe

Mar 26-28* Visit of Prime Minister Thinley of Bhutan to Washington

Mar 26-28* Visit of Defense Minister Otarolo of Peru to Washington and Miami

Mar 26-29 U.S.-China Bilateral Consultations on Information and Communications Policy, Beijing

Mar 29 Legislative Elections in The Gambia

Mar 29-30*(T) Visit of Foreign Minister Diaconescu of Romania to Washington

Mar 31 Parliamentary Elections in Mauritania

Mar 31-Apr 3 Boao Forum for Asia, Boao

Apr TBD* Visit of Defense Minister Salman bin AbdulAziz of Saudi Arabia to Washington

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Apr TBD* U.S.-Philippines Strategic Dialogue, Washington

Apr TBD* Visit of Foreign Minister del Rosario and Defense Minister Gazmin of the Philippines to Washington

Apr 1 Parliamentary By-Elections in Burma

Apr 2* North American Leaders' Summit, Washington

Apr 2* Visit of President Calderon of Mexico to Washington

Apr 2* Visit of Prime Minister Harper of Canada to Washington

Apr 2-6* U.S.-China Ten Year Framework on Energy and Environment, Washington

Apr 3-4 Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Countering Violent Extremism Working Group Meeting, Abu Dhabi

Apr 3-5 Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town

Apr 4-5* Visit of Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen of Singapore to Washington

Apr 9* Visit of President Rousseff of Brazil to Washington

Apr 9* Visit of Foreign Minister Reynders of Belgium to Washington

Apr 10-12* Visit of Foreign Minister Gamba of Japan to Washington

Apr 11-12* G-8 Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Washington

Apr 11-14 Young Atlanticist Summit, Bratislava

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Apr 12-13 7th Annual Global Security Forum (GLOBSEC), Bratislava

Apr 13 Summit of the Americas Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Cartagena

Apr 14-15 6th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena

Apr 16 Presidential Elections in Timor-Leste—2nd Round (if necessary)

Apr 16-17 Visit of Secretary of Health and Human Services Sebelius to Haiti

Apr 16-18 World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta

Apr 17-18 Annual Open Government Partnership (OGP) Conference, Brasilia

Apr 17-19 World Travel & Tourism Council's 12th Global Summit, Tokyo

Apr 18 Joint NATO Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels

Apr 18-19 Clean Energy Ministerial, London

Apr 20-22* G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, Washington

Apr 20-22* World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring Meeting, Washington

Apr 20-23 The World Investment Forum, Doha

Apr 20-26 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) XIII Ministerial Conference/World Investment Forum, Doha

Apr 22 Presidential Elections in France-1st Round

Apr 23 Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius

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Apr 23-25 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates 2012, Chicago

Apr 25* The Secretary of State's Forum on Investing with Impact, Washington

Apr 29 Presidential Elections in Mali-1st Round

Apr 29 (T) Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)

Apr 30-May 11 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee Meeting, Vienna

May TBD* Visit of Foreign Minister McCully of New Zealand to Washington

May TBD U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, Beijing

May TBD* Global Diaspora Forum, Washington

May 4 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Palestinian Authority

May 6 Presidential Elections in France-2nd Round

May 6 Parliamentary Elections in Armenia

May 7-9 International Export Control Conference, Portoroz

May 9-11 World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa

May 10 Parliamentary Elections in Algeria

May 11-13 5th Lennart Meri Conference, Tallinn

May 12-Aug 12 Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast

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May 13 Presidential Elections in Mali-2nd Round

May 14-15 Arctic Council Deputy Foreign Ministers Meeting, Stockholm

May 15-25 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Meetings of Subsidiary Bodies and Ad-Hoc Working Groups, Bonn

May 17-20* Visit of Prime Minister Najib of Malaysia to Washington

May 18-19 2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London

May 18-19 G-8 Summit, Camp David

May 18-21 Young Atlanticist Chicago Summit, Chicago

May 20 Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic

May 20 10th Anniversary of Independence of Timor-Leste

May 20 Presidential Inauguration in Taiwan

May 20-21 NATO Summit, Chicago

May 20-Jun 5 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2nd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM2) and Related Meetings, Kazan

May 21-23 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Education Ministerial, Gyeongju

May 21-24 2nd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Kuala Lumpur

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May 21-26	65 th Session, World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly, Geneva
May 23	Presidential Elections in Egypt—1 st Round
May 23-24	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Meeting, Paris
May 25-26	6 th Pacific Island Leaders (PALM 6) Meeting, Nago City
May 28-30	3 rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30-31	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Food Security Ministerial Meeting, Kazan
May 30-Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31-Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
May 31-Jun 2	2012 Wroclaw Global Forum, Wroclaw
Jun TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt
Jun TBD	Parliamentary Elections in Timor-Leste
Jun 1-3	Shangri-la Dialogue, Singapore
Jun 3-5	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
Jun 4-5	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Ministerial Meeting, Kazan

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Jun 4-6 World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul

Jun 4-8 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Jun 4-8 25th World Gas Conference: "Gas: Sustaining Future Global Growth," Kuala Lumpur

Jun 7 Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Coordinating Committee Meeting, Istanbul

Jun 10 Legislative Elections in France-1st Round

Jun 16 Presidential Elections in Egypt-2nd Round

Jun 17 Legislative Elections in France-2nd Round

Jun 17 Parliamentary Elections in Senegal

Jun 18-19 G-20 Leaders Summit, Los Cabos

Jun 18-19* 2012 African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum, Washington

Jun 18-Jul 6 20th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva

Jun 20-22 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro

Jun 21 National Constitutional Assembly Elections in Libya

Jun 21* U.S.-Portugal Standing Bilateral Commission, Washington

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- Jun 24-25 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 10th Energy Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg
- Jun 25-Jul 5 36th World Heritage Committee Meeting, St. Petersburg
- Jun 26-28 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women and the Economy Summit, St. Petersburg
- Jun 30 Presidential Elections in Iceland
- Jul 9 (T) Tokyo Development Coordination Conference for Afghanistan, Tokyo
- Jul 1 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico
- Jul 1 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1st Round
- Jul 2-27 Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Conference, New York
- Jul 9 (T) Tokyo Development Coordination Conference for Afghanistan, Tokyo
- Jul 9-13 East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting, 19th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Lower Mekong and Friends of the Lower Mekong Ministers' Meeting, Phnom Penh
- Jul 13-15 U.S.-China Sub-National Cooperation Event—National Governors Association (NGA) Annual Conference, Williamsburg
- Jul 16* American Australian Leadership Dialogue (AALD), Washington
- Jul 16-19 3rd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Ho Chi Minh City

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Jul 22 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-2nd Round

Jul 22-27* AIDS 2012 XIX, International AIDS Conference, Washington

Jul 27-Aug 12 XXX Summer Olympic Games, London

Aug 3 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Small and Medium Enterprise Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg

Aug 6-8 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Telecommunications and Information Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg

Aug 14 Presidential and Parliamentary in Kenya-1st Round

Aug 27-31 Pacific Islands Forum Meetings, Cook Islands

Aug 29-Sep 9 Paralympic Games, London

Aug 30 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial Meeting, Moscow

Sept TBD Australia-U.S. Ministerial (AUSMIN), Australia

Sept TBD 7th Annual Internet Governance Forum, Baku

Sept 2-9 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Vladivostok

Sept 4-7 4th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Vladivostok

Sept 6-15 International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) World Conservation Congress, Jeju

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Sep 10-14 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Sept 10-28 21st Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva

Sept 11-13 Annual Meeting of the New Champions, Tianjin

Sept 17-21 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna

Sept 24 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Sept 24-28 United Nations General Assembly High-Level Week, New York

Sept 24-Oct 15 25th Universal Postal Union Congress, Doha

Oct 1-19 11th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Hyderabad

Oct 7 Presidential Elections in Venezuela

Oct 8 Presidential Elections in Slovenia

Oct 12-14 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting, Tokyo

Oct 28 Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine

Nov 6-8 India Economic Summit, New Delhi

Nov 7-10 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), Brasilia

Nov 17 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Sierra Leone

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- Nov 18-20 (T) 21st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Summit, Phnom Penh
- Nov 27-Dec 7 18th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 8th
Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the
Parties (CMP 8) to the Kyoto Protocol, Qatar
- Nov 29-30 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors
Meeting, Vienna
- Dec 6-7 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
Ministerial, Dublin

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SECURITY EXECUTIVE AGENT DIRECTIVE 1

SECURITY EXECUTIVE AGENT AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(EFFECTIVE: 13 MARCH 2012)

A. AUTHORITY: The National Security Act of 1947 (NSA of 1947), as amended; Executive Order (EO) 13467, *Reforming Processes Related to Suitability for Government Employment, Fitness for Contractor Employees, and Eligibility for Access to Classified National Security Information*; EO 12968, *Access to Classified Information*, as amended; EO 12333, *United States Intelligence Activities*, as amended; EO 13549, *Classified National Security Information Program for State, Local, Tribal and Private Sector Entities*; and other applicable provisions of law.

B. PURPOSE: This Directive consolidates and summarizes the authorities and responsibilities assigned to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) in the role as the Security Executive Agent (SecEA) responsible for the development, implementation, and oversight of effective, efficient, and uniform policies and procedures governing the conduct of investigations and adjudications for eligibility for access to classified information or eligibility to hold a sensitive position. Nothing in this Directive shall be construed to limit the DNI's legal authorities.

C. APPLICABILITY: This Directive applies to:

1. Any individual or entity assisting the SecEA in carrying out Security Executive Agent related responsibilities;
2. Any department or agency designated to perform investigations or adjudications of persons proposed for access to classified information or for eligibility to hold a sensitive position; and
3. Individuals seeking initial or continuing access to classified information or eligibility to hold a sensitive position with the exception of the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, and Federal judges appointed by the President as exempted by 28 CFR 17.46.

D. DEFINITIONS: As used in this Directive, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

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1. "Agency": Any "Executive agency" as defined in Section 105 of Title 5, United States Code, including the "military department," as defined in Section 102 of Title 5, United States Code, and any other entity within the Executive Branch that comes into possession of classified information or has positions as sensitive, except such an entity headed by an officer who is not a covered individual.

2. "Authorized adjudicative agency": A department or agency authorized by law, regulation, or direction of the SecEA, to determine eligibility for access to classified information in accordance with EO12968, as amended, or to hold a sensitive position.

3. "Authorized investigative agency": A department or agency designated by the SecEA to conduct a counterintelligence investigation or investigation of persons who are proposed for access to classified information or eligibility to hold a sensitive position or to ascertain whether such persons satisfy the criteria for obtaining and retaining access to such information or for initial and continued eligibility to hold such positions.

4. "Classified national security information" or "classified information": Information that has been determined, pursuant to EO 13526, or any predecessor order, to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and is marked to indicate its classified status when in documentary form.

5. "Sensitive position": Any position within a department or agency in which the occupant could bring about, by virtue of the nature of the position, a material adverse effect on national security as defined in Section 3(b) in EO 10450.

E. POLICY:

1. The SecEA may delegate signature authority within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to issue and implement policies assigned by law or EO.

2. Existing delegations of authority to any department or agency relating to granting eligibility for access to classified information and for conducting investigations shall remain in effect, subject to the exercise of authorities by the SecEA to revise or revoke such delegation.

3. As appropriate, the SecEA will coordinate with the Suitability Executive Agent and other Executive Branch officials to achieve the greatest degree of alignment possible for investigations and adjudications of persons proposed for access to classified information or for eligibility to hold a sensitive position and to build upon and not duplicate the levels of investigations and adjudications of such persons.

4. The SecEA will establish an Advisory Committee composed of appropriate Executive Agency branch representatives, whom shall meet as necessary to advise and coordinate on policies and procedures related to SecEA responsibilities.

5. The SecEA will take into account, as appropriate, the counterintelligence interests of the United States in carrying out SecEA responsibilities.

F. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The SecEA, with respect to investigations and determinations made by any agency for eligibility for access to classified information and eligibility to hold a sensitive position, is responsible for:

a. directing the oversight of such investigations and determinations;

b. developing uniform and consistent policies and procedures to ensure the effective, efficient, and timely completion of investigations and adjudications, to include, but not limited to:

(1) development of a common set of investigative standards for background investigations. These standards may vary for the various levels of access and position sensitivity designations;

(2) development of minimum investigative standards for temporary access eligibility determinations, which may be granted only by security personnel authorized by the agency head; and

(3) development of a common set of reinvestigation standards, including the frequency of reinvestigations or continuous evaluations.

c. serving as the final authority to designate a department, agency, or agencies to:

(1) conduct investigations of persons who are proposed for eligibility for access to classified information or eligibility to hold a sensitive position to ascertain whether such persons satisfy the criteria for obtaining and retaining eligibility; and

(2) determine eligibility for access to classified information in accordance with EO 12968.

d. issuing guidelines and instructions to the heads of departments or agencies to ensure appropriate uniformity, centralization, efficiency, effectiveness, and timeliness in processes relating to determinations by departments or agencies;

e. ensuring reciprocal recognition among the agencies of the U.S. Government of eligibility for access to classified information and eligibility to hold a sensitive position, including acting as the final authority to arbitrate and resolve disputes among departments and agencies involving the reciprocity of investigations and eligibility determinations;

f. assigning, as appropriate, in whole or in part, any functions assigned by law or EO to the head of any agency (solely or jointly), subject to terms, conditions, approval and oversight set by the SecEA;

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g. developing a common set of adjudicative guidelines for determining eligibility for access to classified information and eligibility to hold a sensitive position, including access to special access programs;

h. developing requirements and procedures, to include but not limited to, the implementation of standardized:

- (1) security questionnaires;
- (2) financial disclosure forms;
- (3) polygraph policies and procedures;
- (4) foreign travel reporting requirements; and
- (5) foreign contact reporting requirements;

i. developing and overseeing policies and procedures governing uniform investigator and adjudicator training, and promulgating implementing guidance for the same;

j. approving agency requests to establish additional investigative or adjudicative requirements (other than requirements for the conduct of a polygraph examination) that exceed the requirements for eligibility to hold a sensitive position or access to classified information; and

k. improving the performance of security clearance processing including:

(1) review, coordination, and development of tools and techniques for enhancing the conduct of investigations and granting of clearances;

(2) evaluating the use of available information technology and databases to expedite investigative and adjudicative processes for all and to verify standard information submitted as part of an application for a security clearance;

(3) evaluating the extent to which a department or agency is submitting information to, and requesting information from such databases as part of a determination on whether to certify the department or agency as an authorized investigative agency or authorized adjudicative agency; and

(4) authorizing an agency to withhold information about certain individuals from the database under this subsection if the head of the agency considers it necessary for national security purposes.

2. Additional SecEA responsibilities include:


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- a. considering, coordinating and recommending policy directives for Executive Branch security policies, procedures, and practices per EO 12968, as amended;
- b. serving as a member of the Performance Accountability Council; and
- c. reporting to the appropriate committees of Congress as required by law or as requested.

3. Heads of agencies shall:

- a. assist the SecEA in carrying out any function assigned to them by the SecEA, consistent with law, regulation, or EO;
- b. implement any policy or procedure developed by the SecEA consistent with law, regulation, or EO;
- c. make available to the SecEA, as permitted by law, such information as may be requested to implement responsibilities of the SecEA consistent with law, regulation, or EO;
- d. ensure that all actions taken under this Directive, or subsequent directives, take into account the counterintelligence interests of the United States, as appropriate;
- e. establish and maintain effective, uniform programs that ensure eligibility determinations for access to classified information and sensitive positions are in the interest of the national security; and
- f. share best practices.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE: This SecEA Directive becomes effective on the date of signature.



Director of National Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Response to Corrective Action Plan for Office of the Inspector General Report 12-P-0125, *Use of Unapproved Asbestos Demolition Methods May Threaten Public Health*, December 14, 2011

TO: Bob Perciasepe
Deputy Administrator, EPA

Thank you for your February 28, 2012, response to the subject early warning report, which included corrective actions with milestone dates for the six recommendations in our report. We agree that your proposed corrective actions meet the intent of our recommendations and we accept them as the response. EPA should update the Management Audit Tracking System to record progress in completing these recommendations. Please notify my staff if there is a significant change in the agreed-to corrective action plan.

We appreciate your commitment to address the Office of Inspector General (OIG) report recommendations. In accordance with OIG policy, we will periodically follow up to determine how well the Agency's ongoing and planned actions have addressed the recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Grossman, Acting Assistant Inspector General for Program Evaluation, at (202) 566-0838 or grossman.elizabeth@epa.gov; or Eric Lewis at (202) 566-2664 or lewis.eric@epa.gov.

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Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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March 14, 2012

MEMORANDUM TO:

VALERIE S. BOYD
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Executive Secretary
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

PHILIP MCNAMARA
Executive Secretary
Department of Homeland Security

JENNIFER CANNISTRA
Executive Secretary
Health and Human Services

ERIC E. WACHTER
Director
Environmental Protection Agency

Subject: Polish Request for U.S. Support Responding to Potential Biological Threats during the 2012 EURO CUP

Four Polish cities will host matches during the June 8-July 1 Euro 2012 tournament: Warsaw (five games: June 8, 12, 16, 21, and 28), Gdansk (four games: June 10, 14, 18, and 22), Wroclaw (three games: June 8, 12, and 16), and Poznan (three games: June 10, 14, and 18). The Government of Poland expects the event will draw hundreds of thousands of visitors, to include many American citizens, and garner substantial international media coverage.

Through verbal and written communication, Poland has formally requested U.S. assistance to enhance its existing capacity for chemical and biological threat assessment capabilities throughout the month-long tournament. The Department of State is requesting U.S. support in fulfilling the Polish request.

The Polish request for U.S. support covers three areas:

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- Wide area (stand in and standoff) mobile biological detection equipment and equipment operators for each of nine event sites. These sites include four stadiums and five fan zones.
- One field research laboratory and lab personnel for each of the four Polish cities (four total) and one mobile laboratory system.
- A 15-person decontamination team to augment Polish personnel for response to a CBRN incident.

The Polish request has several criteria:

- Any support will need to be filled for the entire game period of 30 days (June 1-30).
- All expenses associated with any travel, per diem, and equipment will be funded by the U.S. department/agency making the offer on a non-reimbursable basis. The Government of Poland has tentatively committed to providing all billeting and subsistence throughout the 30 day period.
- Use of military equipment and uniformed personnel within the areas operated by the United European Football Association, which includes stadiums and immediate surrounding areas visible by attendees, is prohibited. However, military personnel and equipment are permitted to operate outside of those areas.

Given these specifics, please communicate your department/agency's ability to fill, in part or in whole, this request for assistance. Poland may accept alternative options, partial offers, and/or may reconsider funding if the cost is within reason. Creative solutions may be developed. If your department or agency is able to provide assistance please provide the following information:

- Number and type of deployed equipment;
- Number of deployed personnel;
- Allowable deployment timeframe;
- Mode of transport for equipment; and

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- Total cost for deployment of personnel and equipment.

Please provide your input back to the Department of State no later than **March 28**. Before transmitting a consolidated response to U.S. Embassy Warsaw, the Department of State will hold a final review of the offers via teleconference (1-866-814-9166; access code: 2754141) March 30 at 10 am.

The points of contact for this action in the International Security and Nonproliferation Bureau/Office of Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism are Thomas Lowe 703-875-4900 (LoweTJ@State.Gov) and Randy Thur 703-875-4931 (ThurRR@State.Gov). The points of contact at U.S. Embassy Warsaw are Andy Armstrong +48-22504-2522 and Major Stan Manes +48-22-504-2812.



Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

U.S. Embassy Request Cable

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Citizen/Originator: Dupont, Serge P.

Organization: Natural Resources Canada

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Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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Addressee Org: EPA

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Priority Code: Normal

Signature: AA-OAR-Assistant Administrator

Signature Date: N/A

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File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File - Recognition of the long-standing collaboration between the USEPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership program and Natural Resources Canada's FleetSmart initiative for the freight sector

Instructions: AA-OAR-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OAR

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

OITA - Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Deputy Minister / Sous-ministre

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MAR 07 2012

Ms. Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue North West
Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, D.C. 20460
U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Jackson:

It is my pleasure to recognize the long-standing collaboration between the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) SmartWay Transport Partnership program and Natural Resources Canada's FleetSmart initiative for the freight sector.

Both programs are known domestically for their leadership in addressing key energy efficiency and environmental challenges by reducing fuel use and greenhouse gas (GHG) and diesel freight emissions, while improving the long-term sustainable transportation of goods and freight.

The department is committed to establishing a new memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the EPA to enable us to deliver the SmartWay Transport Partnership program in Canada. Our past MOU resulted in joint investments in the development of a Web-based fuel efficiency driver training curriculum and a co-sponsored international freight energy efficiency conference in 2008.

The department is pleased to build on these successes and is committed to making further investments to support the delivery of the SmartWay Transport Partnership program in Canada. Our joint action will provide greater sharing of tools and resources, while working toward an alignment of our two programs through the use of common methodologies and approaches.

Canada 

Such increased harmonization is also a key recommendation of the Commission on Environmental Cooperation in its recent report, "Destination Sustainability: Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Freight Transportation in North America."

During the past decade, our two countries have successfully fostered a similar harmonized approach with the ENERGY STAR[®] program, and we have before us an opportunity to apply that same model to the freight sector.

Providing the freight shipping and carriers communities with harmonized freight assessment tools and approaches on both sides of our shared border will greatly extend our mutual ability to reduce GHG and criteria air contaminant emissions from the movement of goods in North America. It will also allow us to build upon and strengthen our mutual interests, while raising visibility for our combined efforts and achievements.

I understand that you and your staff are now reviewing a draft letter of agreement for the use of the SmartWay name and logo in Canada, and that it will serve as the basis of the upcoming MOU.

Our organizations could take advantage of the opportunity to announce our ongoing collaboration and strengthened harmonization with a suitable press release or event, perhaps in the late spring or summer 2012 time frame.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Dupont', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Serge P. Dupont
Deputy Minister
Natural Resources Canada



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Taveras, Angel

Organization: City of Providence

Address: Office of the Mayor, Providence, RI 02903-1789

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Letter Date: Mar 8, 2012

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Addressee: AD-Administrator

Addressee Org: N/A

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: AD-Administrator

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File- Expression of strong support for EPA issued MATS from elected officials representing big cities and small towns

Instructions: AD-Prepare draft response for the Administrator's signature

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
OP - Office of Policy
R1 - Region 1 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Mayor of Providence

Angel Taveras

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March 8, 2012

Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson,

As local elected officials representing big cities and small towns, we want to express our strong support for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently issued Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants (MATS). Mayors are on the front lines of protecting public health and this long overdue safeguard will reap tremendous benefits for our communities.

Mercury pollution, much of it coming from coal-fired power plants, represents a particularly widespread threat to families nationwide. According to your agency's own analysis, as of 2010, all 50 states have fish consumption advisories in place to warn residents of the potential health effects of eating fish caught from local waters. Of these advisories, 81% were issued in part because of mercury pollution accumulated within the aquatic food chain.

A dangerous neurotoxin, mercury poses a particular threat to pregnant women and small children. Exposure affects a developing child's ability to walk, talk, read, write and learn. The Center for Disease Control, along with the EPA, estimate that as many as 1 in 6 women of childbearing age have high enough mercury levels in their blood to harm a developing fetus.

EPA's own regulatory impact review of the rule predicts it will save citizens as much as \$90 billion in annually when fully implemented through lower health care costs. That translates into about 11,000 lives saved, 4,700 heart attacks and 130,000 asthma attacks prevented, and 5,700 hospital visits avoided. Additionally, this rule will reduce pollution from a host of other health threatening toxics, including arsenic, cyanide, chromium and acid gases.

Clean, healthy air and water are fundamental American rights and we are eager to work with your Administration to ensure these historic protections are quickly implemented.

Respectfully,

Angel Taveras
Mayor



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Autry, Melissa

Organization: City of Cincinnati
Address: 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Constituent: N/A
Committee: N/A Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5016 Alternate Number: N/A
Status: For Your Information Closed Date: N/A
Due Date: N/A # of Extensions: 0
Letter Date: Mar 8, 2012 Received Date: Mar 15, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator Addressee Org: EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) Priority Code: Normal
Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required Signature Date: N/A
File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy
Subject: Daily Reading File - Resolution 020-2012 - Requesting that the U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA Administrators fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to protect public health, natural ecosystems and the economics of Greater Cincinnati, the State of Ohio, and the United States
Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OAR - Office of Air and Radiation -- Immediate Office
OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Supporting Author: N/A

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City of Cincinnati Council



Melissa Autry, CMC
Clerk of Council

Office of the Clerk

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March 8, 2012

Lisa Jackson, Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
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Washington, DC 20460

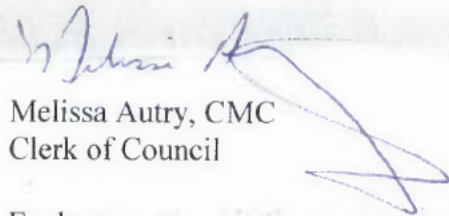
Dear Ms. Jackson:

As Clerk of Council, I hereby certify the following resolution by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio passed at its session on March 7, 2012.

RESOLUTION 020-2012

REQUESTING that the U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA Administrators fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to protect public health, natural ecosystems and the economics of Greater Cincinnati, the State of Ohio, and the United States.

Sincerely,


Melissa Autry, CMC
Clerk of Council

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RESOLUTION 20 - 2012

REQUESTING that the U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA Administrators fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to protect public health, natural ecosystems and the economies of Greater Cincinnati, the State of Ohio, and the United States.

WHEREAS, according to a report by the American Lung Association, coal fired power plants comprise the nation's largest stationary source of air pollution and have no current limitations on hazardous air pollutants such as mercury, arsenic and dioxin; and

WHEREAS, despite findings in the same report which ranks Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky as 9th worst in the nation for small particle pollution (PM 2.5), which aggravates heart and lung diseases and increases incidences of stroke, the Ohio EPA recently re-designated Cincinnati as an "attainment zone" under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for PM 2.5; and

WHEREAS, according to a report commissioned by the Clean Air Task Force, 1,221 Ohio deaths each year are attributable to pollution from coal plants; and

WHEREAS, many of Ohio's existing coal plants were grandfathered into the Clean Air Act and allowed to pollute at pre-Clean Air Act levels; and

WHEREAS, air pollution generated in one state affects many others, leading to a new federal Cross State Air Pollution Rule of which utility and energy company lobbyists have fought to delay implementation; and

WHEREAS, according the U.S. EPA's "Plain English Guide to the Clean Air Act," air pollution from large, industrial sources has significantly decreased since 1970, while gross domestic product has tripled and energy use has risen 50%; and

WHEREAS, the International Governmental Panel on Climate Change predicts that climate change will cause negative public health impacts from direct temperature effects, extreme weather events, climate-sensitive diseases, air quality, and other health impacts; and

WHEREAS the Union of Concerned Scientists predicts that higher temperatures from global warming will exacerbate ozone pollution, one of the main ingredients of smog; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2011 report from Environment Ohio, the City of Cincinnati was ranked the 16th smoggiest city in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events are striking with increased frequency in Cincinnati and elsewhere and with deadly consequences for people and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, for four decades, the Clean Air Act has protected the air we breathe through a proven, comprehensive, successful system of pollution control that saves lives and creates economic benefits exceeding its costs by many times; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act has produced economic benefits valued at \$2 trillion or 30 times the cost of regulation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Massachusetts v. EPA* (2007) that greenhouse gases are "air pollutants" as defined by the Clean Air Act and the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate them; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act can work immediately to curb greenhouse gas pollution without new climate legislation or in conjunction with new climate legislation; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory signed the Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, which has now been signed by more than 1,000 U.S. mayors; and

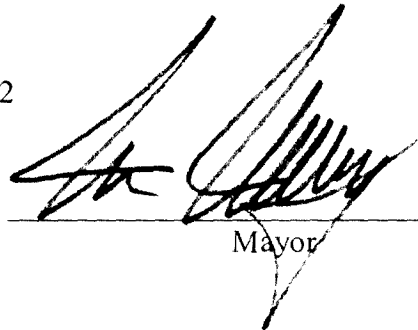
WHEREAS, in 2008, City Council endorsed and adopted the Green Cincinnati Plan as the City's roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move toward sustainability while saving money, creating jobs, and improving public health; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati respectfully request that President Barack Obama; Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Scott Nally, Administrator of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act, including finalizing rules in progress and implementing finalized rules without delay.

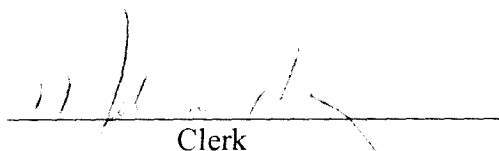
Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and sent to the Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Scott Nally, Administrator of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Rose Braz, Climate Campaign Director for the Center for Biological Diversity; and to the Cincinnati Green Group.

Passed: March 7, 2012



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Laure Quinlivan



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Wilder, Shimika

Organization: Office of Management and Budget
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Thomas, Willie

Organization: Office of Management and Budget
Address: 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Addressee:	AD-Administrator	Addressee Org:	EPA
Contact Type:	EML (E-Mail)	Priority Code:	Normal
Signature:	SNR-Signature Not Required	Signature Date:	N/A
File Code:	401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy		
Subject:	Daily Reading File - EOP/PMB Black History Month Thank You Letter		
Instructions:	For Your Information -- No action required		
Instruction Note:	N/A		
General Notes:	N/A		
CC:	N/A		

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 2, 2012

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of the Office of Management & Budget's Diversity Council, we would like to thank you for serving as keynote speaker for our annual Black History Month program last month.

The staff of the Executive Office of the President enjoyed hearing about your personal story growing up in New Orleans, the impact that African American women have had on your life, and your commitment as EPA Administrator to make historically underrepresented communities a priority in environmental action.

We greatly appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedule to participate in our event and deliver such a moving speech.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Willie Thomas in cursive.

Willie Thomas
Event Co-Chair

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Shimika Wilder
Event Co-Chair



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Miller, Steven

Organization: Super Fine Films
Address: 60 Grand Street, New York, NY 10013-2254

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5041 **Alternate Number:** N/A
Status: Pending **Closed Date:** N/A
Due Date: Apr 2, 2012 **# of Extensions:** 0
Letter Date: Mar 15, 2012 **Received Date:** Mar 16, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: EML (E-Mail) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: DX-Direct Reply **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_b Controlled and Major Corr. Record copy of the offices of Division Directors and other personnel.
Subject: Daily Reading File - Request for Continued Gowanus Community Advisory Group Facilitation Funding
Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: Brigid Lowery - OSWER-CPA
 Kecia Thornton - OSWER
 Michelle Crews - OSWER
 OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
 OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
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Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Author: N/A

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Administrator Lisa P. Jackson
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Regional Administrator Judith Enck
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Administrators Jackson and Enck:

The Gowanus Canal Superfund Site Community Advisory Group (CAG) greatly appreciates the work that your agency has done to date in support of a comprehensive cleanup of the Gowanus Canal. As you know, the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site is located in one of New York City's most densely populated communities. The neighborhood is vibrant and socio-economically diverse. The Community Advisory Group was formed to ensure that the people have a voice in the decision-making process. We understand that the CAG is in imminent danger of losing federal funding for the facilitation of its meetings. This situation is deeply troubling to CAG members and the dozens of community-based organizations that provide a voice for the almost 150,000 people living in the Gowanus watershed.

The Gowanus Canal was added to the National Priority List of contaminated (Superfund) sites in March 2010. The decision to list the Site has significant impact on the community. The decision to form a CAG was based on that impact. Effective and neutral meeting facilitation provided by Jeff Edelstein is aiding the community in developing consensus on important matters. Members of the CAG believe that the most desirable outcome for all stakeholders will result from a process that continues to promote unified and coherent community involvement through facilitated meetings.

Based on EPA's December 2011 Draft Feasibility Study Report, the remediation of the Site may cost over \$500M making it one of the most expensive clean-ups ever conducted in the United States. The clean-up is large and complex and must be integrated with many other waterfront and watershed planning initiatives and remedial activities. The surrounding upland areas consist of three former manufactured gas plants that are being remediated under NYS DEC oversight and which must be integrated with the Superfund remedy. In addition, the Superfund remedy must also be integrated with the City's efforts to prevent recontamination by combined sewer overflows (CSOs) as well as other potential sources. The EPA cedes oversight of compliance with the Clean Water Act to NYS DEC and the upland remediation efforts are also being undertaken by DEC pursuant to the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

The CAG is working extremely hard to keep pace with these activities, understand the processes, and participate in the decision-making in order to achieve a sustainable and healthy community for current and future Gowanus residents. At this time, the CAG faces a significant amount of work to perform its role effectively and will be making some critical decisions regarding its priorities for technical review and comment in the immediate future. Members of CAG appreciate EPA's recent

offer to facilitate future meetings; however, it believes that an independent party would work better.

Therefore, CAG members request that:

- (1) EPA, PRPs, and our elected officials work as quickly as possible to identify a source and mechanism for funding the continued and uninterrupted neutral facilitation by Mr. Edelstein that is needed for it to perform its critical function for the community through the completion of the remedial design phase,
- (2) Facilitation funding reflect the anticipated pace and scope of work that will be undertaken by the CAG during this time period, and
- (3) Funding for technical assistance to the CAG is increased to reflect the significant scale and complexity of the Site and related technical matters that must be integrated for the selection and design of a complete and effective remedy.

The CAG, on behalf of the community, wants EPA to know that it appreciates EPA's past commitment to us. The CAG believes that EPA understands that successful completion of the cleanup requires a strong partnership with the community and trusts that EPA will continue to follow that path. Thank you for taking the time to consider this important request.

Sincerely,

Members of the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site Community Advisory Group

Brendan Aquayo
Jerry Armer, Cobble Hill Association
Sabine Aronowsky
Ludger Balan, Urban Divers Estuary Conservancy
Eve Baron, Pratt Center
Diane Buxbaum, Sierra Club
Anthony Deen, Gowanus By Design
Elizabeth Demetriou, Southwest Brooklyn Industrial Development Corporation
Stefan Doering
Eymund Diegel
Nathan Elbogen
Christine Gaspar, Center for Urban Pedagogy
Emily Guyer
Hans Hesselein, Gowanus Canal Conservancy
Ray Howell, Gowanus Dredgers / Gowanus Canal Community Development Corporation
Richard Kampf, Gowanus Canal Conservancy
Katia Kelly
Angela Kramer Murphy, Proteus Gowanus
Linda LaViolette
Louis Kleinman, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance
Eric McClure, Park Slope Civic Council/Park Slope Neighbors
Steven Miller
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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Cohen, Joshua J.

Organization: City of Annapolis
Address: 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Constituent: N/A
Committee: N/A Sub-Committee: N/A

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Letter Date: Mar 8, 2012 Received Date: Mar 16, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator Addressee Org: EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) Priority Code: Normal
Signature: DX-Direct Reply Signature Date: N/A
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.
Subject: Daily Reading File-Letter of support for Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants
Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
OP - Office of Policy
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Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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March 8, 2012

Lisa Jackson, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson,

As local elected officials representing big cities and small towns, we want to express our strong support for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently issued Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants (MATS). Mayors are on the front lines of protecting public health and this long overdue safeguard will reap tremendous benefits for our communities.

Mercury pollution, much of it coming from coal-fired power plants, represents a particularly widespread threat to families nationwide. According to your agency's own analysis, as of 2010, all 50 states have fish consumption advisories in place to warn residents of the potential health effects of eating fish caught from local waters. Of these advisories, 81% were issued in part because of mercury pollution accumulated within the aquatic food chain.

A dangerous neurotoxin, mercury poses a particular threat to pregnant women and small children. Exposure affects a developing child's ability to walk, talk, read, write and learn. The Center for Disease Control, along with your agency, estimate that as many as 1 in 6 women of childbearing age have high enough mercury levels in their blood to harm a developing fetus. Additionally, this rule will reduce exposure to a host of other health-threatening toxics, including arsenic, cyanide, chromium and acid gases.

EPA's own regulatory impact review of the rule predicts it will save citizens as much as \$90 billion annually when fully implemented through lower health care costs. Each year, this translates into as many as 11,000 lives saved, 4,700 heart attacks and 130,000 asthma attacks prevented, and 5,700 hospital visits avoided.

Clean, healthy air and water are fundamental American rights and we are eager to work with your agency to ensure these historic protections are quickly implemented.

Respectfully,


Joshua J. Cohen

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Citizen/Originator: Brown, R. Steven

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Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Signature: N/A **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.
Subject: Daily Reading File-Letter to urge EPA to contest the January 18, 2012 Submission of a 60-Day Notice of Intent to Sue
Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: Please obtain concurrence from OGC on the response.
CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
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Lead Author: N/A

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March 2, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
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Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

The purpose of this letter is to urge U.S. EPA to contest the January 18 submission of a 60-day Notice of Intent (NOI) to sue under RCRA's citizen suit provision over the agency's alleged non-discretionary duty to promulgate regulations for coal combustion residuals (CCR). The NOI seeks to impose an artificial judicial deadline for the promulgation of the final CCR rule. The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) believes there is no basis for such a deadline, and is concerned that EPA consent to one would inappropriately cut short the agency's obligations under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) to thoroughly review and respond to the thousands of comments from affected entities raising issues with elements of the CCR proposal.

Moreover, ECOS is concerned that acceding to the demands in the NOI would set a precedent that will jeopardize the thoughtful development of federal and state RCRA programs going forward. This could result in a burdensome cycle of never-ending RCRA rulemaking that would prove unworkable for EPA and the states while delaying the environmental improvements we are seeking to make. We elaborate on these points below.

EPA is Meeting its Obligations under RCRA Section 2002(b)

The NOI argues that EPA has a non-discretionary duty to promulgate the CCR regulations by a date certain based on RCRA section 2002(b), which provides that "[e]ach regulation promulgated under this chapter [RCRA] shall be reviewed and, where necessary, revised not less frequently than every three years." The NOI then makes broad assertions that EPA has reviewed its RCRA regulations for CCR and concluded that revisions to the CCR regulations are "necessary." Therefore, according to the NOI, EPA should be subject to a court-ordered deadline to issue final CCR rules.

As an initial matter, while EPA may have a duty under section 2002(b) to review the RCRA regulations every three years, the decision *whether* such revisions are necessary is left to the discretion of the agency. (See *EDF v. Thomas*, 870 F.2d 892, 899 [2nd Cir. 1990]; district court has jurisdiction under a comparable CAA regulatory review provision "to compel the Administration to perform purely ministerial acts, not to order the Administrator to make particular judgmental decisions.") Therefore, a court cannot direct EPA to promulgate a specific RCRA rule by a date certain because the decision of whether such revisions are "necessary" is left to the discretion of EPA.

More fundamentally, EPA already is meeting its obligations under section 2002(b) to review its regulations for CCRs; in fact, it has been consistently reviewing the rules for CCR every three years and therefore is fully in compliance with the statute. The NOI, however, makes the argument that section 2002(b) of RCRA requires EPA to have “completed” its review of the CCR regulations (and every other RCRA rule) and issue revised regulations, if necessary, during *every* three-year cycle. This assertion simply is not supported by the plain language of the statute.

A Premature Decision on the CCR Proposal is Inconsistent with the APA

ECOS maintains that the imposition on EPA of an artificial deadline to issue the final CCR rule would result in inappropriately cutting short the agency’s obligations under the APA to thoroughly review and respond to the voluminous rulemaking record consisting of more than 450,000 comments. In reaching any final regulatory decision for CCR, it is incumbent on EPA to adhere to the APA, including giving due consideration to all “relevant” comments and responding to those comments with a “concise general statement of their basis and purpose.” Any action to abbreviate this process through a settlement that suggests a preordained outcome to the rulemaking likely would violate the spirit, if not the letter, of the APA.

This is especially true in this rulemaking, where the comments of ECOS, other state associations, and state governments raised significant issues with *both* of the proposed regulatory options (Subtitle C or Subtitle D) for CCR, and instead argued that existing state CCR regulatory programs are adequately protective. Indeed, the State of Kentucky commented that EPA should issue a re-proposal without alternative proposed schemes to allow for more focused comments on a specific proposal. This option – of taking no regulatory action – is always available in any rulemaking and is an alternative that the agency must consider.

Conceding to the Allegations in the NOI Will Set an Ill-Advised Precedent

Finally, ECOS cautions EPA to give full consideration to the precedent that may be set by the settlement of the claims asserted in the NOI and the potential adverse implications on state governments. If EPA expressly or by implication concedes to the interpretation of RCRA section 2002(b) set forth in the NOI, the agency may be committing itself to formal reviews and revisions of each of its RCRA regulations (and, by extension, to state-authorized RCRA programs) on rapid-fire three-year cycles. Given the complexity and wide-ranging impacts of RCRA regulations on states, communities, and regulated entities, it would not be possible to complete full review and revision actions every three years. Such a requirement thus would undermine the stability and certainty of state-authorized RCRA programs. Putting aside the practical challenges of undertaking this endeavor (especially in states that require legislative approval for regulatory changes), it would be simply untenable in this time of shrinking state and federal budgets to allocate the resources necessary to engage in such an extensive and continuous regulatory review process.

For these reasons, ECOS urges EPA to contest the unfounded theories reflected in the NOI. We appreciate EPA’s attention to this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Steven Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

R. Steven Brown
Executive Director



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Subject:	Daily Reading File - Florida Numeric Nutrient Criteria		
Instructions:	For Your Information -- No action required		
Instruction Note:	N/A		
General Notes:	N/A		
CC:	Lawrence Elworth - AO-IO OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education R4 - Region 4 -- Immediate Office		

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March 1, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Florida Numeric Nutrient Criteria

Dear Administrator Jackson,

The undersigned organizations are all partners and stakeholders committed to addressing nutrient loadings in our nation's waters. We understand the importance of clean water for both our businesses and the communities in which those that work in our industries reside. We are writing you today to urge you to approve the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) Numeric Nutrient Criteria (NNC) rule for Florida and withdraw the rule entitled "*Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida's Lakes and Flowing Waters*" promulgated by your agency in December 2010.

The FDEP NNC rule was **unanimously** approved by the Florida Environmental Regulation Commission (ERC), the Florida Legislature and signed by Governor Rick Scott.

Florida is recognized as a national leader in implementing a sophisticated suite of water quality and technology-based nutrient management programs to protect its water bodies. In fact, FDEP has spent more than \$20 million during the last decade to collect and analyze data related to the concentrations and impacts of nutrients in Florida's water bodies. By utilizing this data and analysis, FDEP has worked tirelessly over the past year to develop scientifically defensible water quality standards. While there will be significant costs associated with these standards, we believe they are technically achievable standards that our members and other stakeholders will be able to meet while working in partnership with the state.

EPA has acknowledged that states must take the lead in addressing nutrients. After all, it is the states that are best suited to deal with issues related to their unique landscapes and climates. As stated in the March 16, 2010, memo entitled "*Working in Partnership with States to Address Phosphorus and Nitrogen Pollution through Use of a Framework for State Nutrient Reductions*," Acting EPA Assistant Administrator Nancy Stoner said, "States need room to innovate and respond to local water quality needs, so a one-size-fits-all solution to nitrogen and phosphorus pollution is neither desirable nor necessary." We wholly agree, and accordingly, we respectfully request that you approve FDEP's NNC rule in its entirety.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Agribusiness Association of Iowa	National Cattlemen's Beef Association
Agribusiness Council of Indiana	National Chicken Council
Agricultural Retailers Association	National Corn Growers Association
Agrium U.S., Inc.	National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
Alabama Agribusiness Council	National Milk Producers Federation
American Farm Bureau Federation	National Turkey Federation
American Forest & Paper Association	Nebraska Agri-Business Association
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.	New York State Agribusiness
CF Industries	Ohio AgriBusiness Association
CropLife America	PotashCorp
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Association	South Dakota Agri-Business Association
Florida Sugar Cane League	Southern Crop Production Association
Georgia Agribusiness Council	The Fertilizer Institute
Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association	U.S. Cattlemen's Association
Indiana Plant Food and Agricultural Chemicals Association	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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Montana Agricultural Business Association	Wyoming Ag-Business Association
National Alliance of Forest Owners	Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation
National Association of Manufacturers	
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture	

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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy

Subject: Daily Reading File-The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians support EPA's Scientific Review of Bristol Bay, Alaska

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

OITA - Office of International and Tribal Affairs

R10 - Region 10 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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February 17, 2012

Lisa Jackson, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
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Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

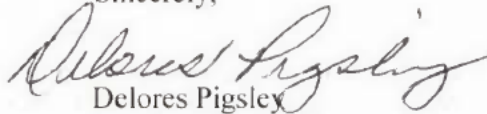
As indigenous people we know all too well what happens when our communities are negatively impacted by unsustainable resource development. Many tribes in the U.S. have witnessed the degradation of their fisheries and a watershed, that's why we are writing to support Bristol Bay tribes who are fighting to protect their homeland from proposed large-scale mining development that is a threat to their clean water, fisheries, and cultures.

Therefore we thank the Environmental Protection Agency for upholding their trust responsibility by starting a Scientific Assessment of the Bristol Bay, Alaska watershed. In Bristol Bay there is the opportunity to sustain one of the world's last great sockeye salmon fisheries and the indigenous people who depend on it. A fishery that not only has defined who they are as indigenous people for centuries but also has been the backbone of Bristol Bay's local economy and a vital food source on the tables of American's throughout the country.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians support EPA's scientific review of Bristol Bay and while we thank you for initiating this review and ensuring Traditional Ecological Knowledge is included, we ask that this study be considered the first step. With the authority under the Clean Water Act to invoke Section 404 (c), the EPA could bestow the protection Bristol Bay's indigenous people need against the type of large-scale developments that can devastate its fisheries and therefore the indigenous people's cultures that rely on a pristine Bristol Bay to survive.

We are writing in support of the Bristol Bay tribes who have requested the EPA take action to protect their indigenous people and future generations by applying the EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act Section 404 (c) to withdraw waters and wetlands in the headwaters of the Bristol Bay watershed from dredge and fill activity associated with large-scale mining operations.

Sincerely,


Delores Pigsley
Tribal Chairman

Cc: Alannah Hurley

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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Addressee Org: N/A

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Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File - Report "Integrating Emerging Technologies Into Chemical Safety Assessment"

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: Report is available to download for free on

www.scienceadvice.ca/uploads/eng/assessments%20and%20publications%20and%20news%20release

CC: OARM - OARM -- Immediate Office

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Lead Author: (b) (6) Personal Privacy

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February 24, 2012

Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

The Council of Canadian Academies has just released its latest assessment – *Integrating Emerging Technologies into Chemical Safety Assessment*. Dr. Vicki L. Dellarco, Science Advisor, Office of Pesticide Programs, United States Environmental Protection Agency, was a member of the Council's Expert Panel who conducted the assessment. Enclosed you will find a copy of the final report and the Report in Focus, a Council summary document that is based on the Panel's report. These documents are also available for download from the Council's website (www.scienceadvice.ca).

This assessment is in response to a request from the Minister of Health, on behalf of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) for an assessment on the scientific status of the use of integrating testing strategies for the regulatory risk assessment of pesticides. This Panel's final report provides an in-depth, science-based analysis that will help to inform future public policy and regulatory testing regarding chemical safety assessment in Canada.

I want to personally acknowledge the contribution of Dr. Dellarco as she was an integral member of the Expert Panel and contributed significantly throughout the panel process. It is through the hard work of our Expert Panel members, who volunteer their time and expertise, that the Council is able to provide independent, science-based, expert assessments that inform public policy development in Canada. We are grateful to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for supporting Dr. Dellarco as she participated in the creation of this report, a report that will assist PMRA as they consider future policy directions and process.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Dowdeswell
President & CEO

cc: Dr. Vicki L. Dellarco, Science Advisor, Office of Pesticide Programs, United States Environmental Protection Agency



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Citizen Information

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Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

Control Information

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Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: DX-Direct Reply **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_b Controlled and Major Corr. Record copy of the offices of Division Directors and other personnel.
Subject: Daily Reading File - Gift to Administrator - book "Heaven on the Half Shell" and letter concerning partnerships between EPA and shellfish growers
Instructions: AD-Prepare draft response for the Administrator's signature
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
OP - Office of Policy
R10 - Region 10 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: (b) (6) Personal Privacy
Office: OEX
Due Date: Apr 2, 2012
Assigned Date: Mar 16, 2012
Complete Date: N/A
Instruction: AD-Prepare draft response for the Administrator's signature

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February 23, 2012

Lisa Jackson
EPA Administrator
Office of the Administrator
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I'm honored to have had the opportunity to meet you both at a recent reception at the University of Washington and again with other shellfish growers in your office in Washington on February 9th. Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and discuss our issues.

During the meeting you suggested at one point that the EPA and shellfish growers need to be looking for opportunities to partner. You noted that when we thrive it means you are doing your job. I could not agree more. In response to your challenge I believe there are opportunities to do that in conjunction with NOAA's recently launched National Shellfish Initiative.

In particular, I think we could all mutually benefit from an effort to promote shellfish for their natural ability to mitigate nutrient pollution. The Chesapeake Bay is pursuing this as part of the solution to nutrient pollution. The USGS is exploring this option for Puget Sound under Washington's Shellfish Initiative launched by Governor Gregoire and Dr. Lubchenco on December 9th. There is also a great example using mussel culture to mitigate nutrient pollution in Sweden. If you are interested in exploring this further, please have your staff contact me.

I'm sending along a copy of *Heaven on the Half Shell* for your reading pleasure. Chapter 6 is about the shellfish industry's long history of fighting for water quality. Those efforts go back to the 1920s when Pacific Northwest oyster growers started waging their war against the pulp mills. Their testimony in Congress contributed to the enactment of the Clean Water Act in 1972 (page 129). Here in Washington shellfish growers advocacy lead to the creation of the Washington State Pollution Control Commission which preceded our current Department of Ecology.

You no doubt are aware that the EPA's first Administrator, Bill Ruckelshaus, lives here in the Puget Sound area and is very active in Puget Sound restoration efforts. Bill is a friend and has recently accepted Governor Gregoire's invitation to co-chair Washington's Ocean Acidification Blue Ribbon Panel. I've been asked to serve on this panel as well and am really looking forward to working on it with Mr. Ruckelshaus and Region 10 Administrator Dennis McClarren.

Thank you again for meeting with us. Please know that we stand ready to partner with EPA in any way you see helpful in protecting and restoring our coastal waters.

Sincerely,

Bill Dewey
Public Policy and Communications



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Sub-Committee: N/A

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Letter Date: Mar 6, 2012 **Received Date:** Mar 20, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: AA-OAR-Assistant Administrator **Signature Date:** N/A
- OAR

File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File - Support for the EPA's recently issued Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants

Instructions: AA-OAR-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OAR

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
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Commentator	Comment	Date
No Record Found.		

6 March, 2012

Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson,

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Clean, healthy air and water are fundamental American rights and we are eager to work with your agency to ensure these historic protections are quickly implemented.

Respectfully,

Mayor Michael Bloomberg – New York, NY
Mayor Michael Nutter – Philadelphia, PA
Mayor Thomas Menino – Boston, MA
Mayor R. T. Rybak – Minneapolis, MN
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Mayor Steven Connelly – Berea, Kentucky

— Philip K. Stoddard



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Flores, Celina

Organization: New York City iSchool
Address: 131 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5171 **Alternate Number:** N/A
Status: For Your Information **Closed Date:** N/A
Due Date: N/A **# of Extensions:** 0
Letter Date: Mar 13, 2012 **Received Date:** Mar 19, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy
Subject: Daily Reading File-Thank you letter on behalf of the Washington Seminar class
Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
R2 - Region 2 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

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Lisa Perez Jackson
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460
Jackson.Lisa.@epmail.epa.gov

Dear Ms. Jackson,

On behalf of my Washington Seminar class, I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with us. Your insightful comments on climate change helped us view this serious topic in a more in-depth way. Having previous knowledge from our peers' presentations in class, we were able to really think of educational questions to ask you. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,


Celina Flores



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Control Number: AX-12-000-5173

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Espinal, Katherine

Organization: NYC iSchool

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Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5173

Alternate Number: N/A

Status: For Your Information

Closed Date: N/A

Due Date: N/A

of Extensions: 0

Letter Date: Mar 14, 2012

Received Date: Mar 19, 2012

Addressee: AD-Administrator

Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy

Subject: Daily Reading File-Thank you letter on behalf of the Washington Seminar class,

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

R2 - Region 2 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

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NYC iSchool

March 14, 2012

Lisa Perez Jackson
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of our Washington Seminar class, I would like to thank you for taking time out to speak with us. We have received the photos and are delighted with the outcome. We appreciate you giving us this opportunity to obtain insights on what has been planned and achieved on climate change. I look forward to your further accomplishments as Administrator, as well as the future of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

Katherine Espinal



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Control Number: AX-12-000-5174

Printing Date: March 20, 2012 12:13:27



Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Fouts, James R.

Organization: Office of the Mayor
Address: One City Square, Warren, MI 48093-6726

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5174 Alternate Number: N/A
Status: Pending Closed Date: N/A
Due Date: Apr 4, 2012 # of Extensions: 0
Letter Date: Mar 12, 2012 Received Date: Mar 20, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator Addressee Org: EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) Priority Code: Normal
Signature: AA-OAR-Assistant Administrator Signature Date: N/A
- OAR

File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File - Support for the EPA's recently issued Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants

Instructions: AA-OAR-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OAR

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Instruction: AA-OAR-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OAR					

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

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March 12, 2012

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James R. Fouts - Mayor

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Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Fouts".

Mayor James R. Fouts
Warren, Michigan

cc: Warren City Council Members
Phyllis LeFebvre



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Control Number: AX-12-000-5236

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Jones, Elizabeth A.

Organization: Railroad Commission of Texas
Address: 1701 North Congree Avenue Post Office Box 12967, Austin, TX
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Porter, David

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Smitherman, Barry T.

Organization: Railroad Commission of Texas
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Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number:	AX-12-000-5236	Alternate Number:	N/A
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Addressee:	AD-Administrator	Addressee Org:	EPA
Contact Type:	LTR (Letter)	Priority Code:	Normal
Signature:	DX-Direct Reply	Signature Date:	N/A
File Code:	404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.		
Subject:	Daily Reading File-EPA Draft Report on Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-201 1-0895		
Instructions:	DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns		
Instruction Note:	N/A		
General Notes:	N/A		
CC:	OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office R8 - Region 8 -- Immediate Office		

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Instruction: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns					

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

February 7, 2012

Administrator Lisa Jackson
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Submitted via e-mail to ORD.Docket@epa.gov

Re: EPA Draft Report on Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0895

Dear Administrator Jackson:

We are writing in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) referenced *Draft Report on Ground Water Contamination near Pavillion, Wyoming*, released on December 8, 2011 (Draft Report).

In the Draft Report, EPA asserted it had found a "likely association" between the ground water quality issues in the Pavillion, Wyoming area with the practice of hydraulic fracturing. However, it appears EPA came to this conclusion based on limited and questionable data; dismissed reports, including a report from the United States Geological Survey of historical problems with ground water quality in the Pavillion area prior to any hydraulic fracturing activity in the area; and an examination of hydraulic fracturing as the only potential source of the poor quality deeper ground water in the Pavillion area. The EPA may have avoided such flaws had it subjected the Draft Report to external, independent, scientific peer review, including a review by the State of Wyoming's own environmental and oil and gas experts.

We strongly urge EPA to classify the Draft Report as a "highly influential scientific assessment," as requested by Senators James Inhofe of Oklahoma, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mike Crapo of Idaho, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, John Boozman of Arkansas, John Cornyn of Texas, Tom Coburn of Oklahoma, Marco Rubio of Florida, Pat Roberts of Kansas, and Roger Wicker of Mississippi in a letter dated January 20, 2012. The Office of Management and Budget at the White House (OMB) issued clear guidelines in the "Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review" regarding this type of report, stating that a scientific assessment should be considered "highly influential" if, among other things, it is determined that the dissemination is novel, controversial or precedent-setting. We believe this report is definitely both novel and controversial since it is the first time a governmental body has put forth an assessment that attempts to link groundwater contamination to hydraulic fracturing. Once this classification is

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applied, the Draft Report will be subject to stringent peer review requirements, which we believe is of paramount importance.

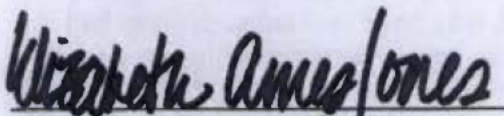
In addition, the numerous, and somewhat overlapping, studies initiated by various federal entities, including the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, not to mention EPA's own national study of hydraulic fracturing, have elevated the issue of hydraulic fracturing to such a fever pitch that it further warrants the Draft Report be classified as a "highly influential scientific assessment," ensuring OMB's memoranda on information quality and peer review is closely followed.

We understand the Draft Report is preliminary, but EPA's language in the Draft Report, on its webpage, and in responses to media questions, strongly insinuates that hydraulic fracturing is the only possible reason for the poor quality of water in the Pavillion area. Unfortunately, this seems to be a repeat of the template EPA followed in the Range Resources case: first, make a "preliminary," unproven assertion that will be perceived by the media and the public as a condemnation of hydraulic fracturing, then quietly back away once the science has proved the assertions to be false.

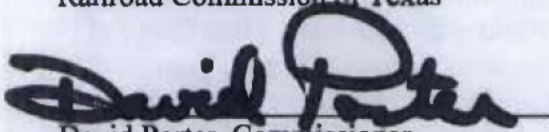
Our strong regulatory regime in Texas has helped us avoid a single proven case of groundwater contamination occurring as a result of hydraulic fracturing. We continue to conduct extensive oversight and monitoring of all drilling practices in our state. If we find clear scientific evidence of safety or environmental issues, we will modify our regulatory programs to ensure any new issues are addressed. However, such adjustments are not warranted unless based on science and fact.

We appreciate the extension until March 12, 2012 to comment on the Draft Report and look forward to reviewing all of the background information not included in the Draft Report.

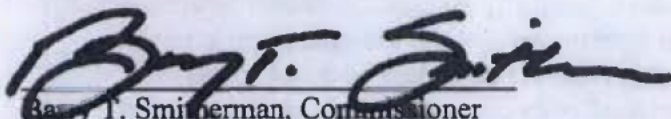
Sincerely,



Elizabeth Ames Jones, Chairman
Railroad Commission of Texas



David Porter, Commissioner
Railroad Commission of Texas



Barry T. Smitherman, Commissioner
Railroad Commission of Texas



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Pata, Jacqueline Johnson

Organization: National Congress of American Indians
Address: 1516 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5274 **Alternate Number:** N/A
Status: For Your Information **Closed Date:** N/A
Due Date: N/A **# of Extensions:** 0
Letter Date: Mar 9, 2012 **Received Date:** Mar 20, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.
Subject: Daily Reading File-Thank you letter for participating in the Tribal Nations Legislative Summit "112th Congress Executive Council"
Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OEAAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
R10 - Region 10 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date
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History

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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

March 9, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

A mere thank you does not begin to express our appreciation for you taking time from your busy schedule to participate in the Tribal Nations Legislative Summit "112th Congress Executive Council" presented by the National Congress of American Indians March 5 - 7, 2012, at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Emails from and conversations with our members indicate it was an outstanding conference and participants found the interaction and dialogue particularly important. Your input also gave a great boost to our efforts to recruit additional members. Thank you very much for your enlightening and stimulating presentation.

Please accept our gratitude and the credit you deserve for your outstanding contribution. The huge role you played in making our Tribal Nations Legislative Summit a success... NCAI truly appreciated it. We hope you enjoyed the conference as well.

Thank you again for your overall support for NCAI. We look forward to working with you in the future. Please mark your calendar for our 2012 Mid-Year Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, June 17-20, 2012. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Johnson Pata
Executive Director



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Krancer, Michael L

Organization: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Address: Rachel Carson State Office Building, P.O. Box 2063, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-5282 **Alternate Number:** N/A
Status: For Your Information **Closed Date:** N/A
Due Date: Apr 3, 2012 **# of Extensions:** 0
Letter Date: Mar 20, 2012 **Received Date:** Mar 20, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator **Addressee Org:** EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy
Subject: Daily Reading File-Reid Vapor Pressure gasoline
Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: ACTION: APD CC: Jennie Saxe. Please prepare for the RA's signature. Please use the following opening sentence "Thank you for your letter of March 20, 2012 to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning..." Please use the following ending sentence, "If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Dr. Jennie Saxe, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at 215-814-5806." Please send concurrence thru Jeannine Graff and Dr. Jennie Saxe.
CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

Lead Information

Lead Author: Jeannine Graff
Office: R3
Due Date: Apr 3, 2012
Assigned Date: Mar 20, 2012
Complete Date: N/A
Instruction: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Instruction: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns					

Supporting Information



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SECRETARY

March 20, 2012

Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Mail Code: 3RA00
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin:

Thank you for a productive discussion on March 14, 2012, regarding supply and demand issues concerning low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) gasoline. As I explained, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is closely following the low RVP gasoline situation and we are in the process of evaluating alternative supply options for this summer, in light of the three refinery closures in southeastern Pennsylvania. In that regard, I am sure that both of us are aware of the somewhat pessimistic analysis of the Federal Energy Information Administration outlined in its February 2012 report entitled, "Potential Impacts of Reductions in Refinery Activity on Northeast Petroleum Product Markets" (EIA Report).

Given the realities outlined in the EIA Report, I am hopeful that you and Administrator Jackson will exercise appropriate discretion and latitude with respect to any requests which may come from Governor Corbett this summer for a waiver of the low RVP gasoline requirement of our Western Pennsylvania State Implementation Plan (SIP). As you know, this is a particularly sensitive issue with Pennsylvania residents and businesses in the seven county Western Pennsylvania region which includes Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.

In this regard, I was encouraged that you raised in our discussion the potential use of reformulated gasoline (RFG) in Western Pennsylvania as an option for compliance with the Western Pennsylvania SIP. We agree with you on that point. I respectfully suggest that the RFG option be included in our list of alternative supply options we develop between now and the summer. We think that the use of RFG gasoline would be compliant with our existing Western Pennsylvania SIP. Indeed, while the low RVP requirement in the Western Pennsylvania SIP has been met in the past with the use of RVP gasoline with a RVP of 7.8 pounds per square inch (psi) per gallon, RFG actually has a RVP of significantly less than 7.8 psi per gallon. Our flexibility to use low RVP gasoline and/or RFG will go a long way toward assisting with compliance with our Western Pennsylvania SIP and would serve the best interests of the citizens of western Pennsylvania.

Of course, we still might need to submit waiver requests to the Administrator if the supply situation of either low RVP gasoline or RFG becomes problematic and I remain hopeful that early discussions of this issue would yield solutions and results that are acceptable to all parties.

Thank you and I look forward to continued discussions with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. L. Krancer", written in a cursive style.

Michael L. Krancer
Secretary

cc: Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA
Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Poling, Paul

Organization: Apiary Inspectors of America, West Virginia Department of Agriculture
Address: 148 Honeybee Lane, Hambleton, WV 26269

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

Control Information

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Contact Type: LTR (Letter) **Priority Code:** Normal
Signature: DX-Direct Reply **Signature Date:** N/A
File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.
Subject: Daily Reading File-Evaluation and registration of pesticides affecting honey bee colonies
Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: Lawrence Elworth - AO-IO
 OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
 R3 - Region 3 - Immediate Office

Lead Information

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Ms. Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Ms. Jackson:

Apiary Inspectors of America 2009 and Continued, 2012
Wording Revised by 2012 Resolutions Committee
Evaluation and registration of pesticides affecting honey bee colonies
Author: Resolutions Committee

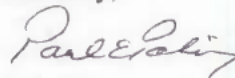
The cause of colony collapse disorder (CCD), a disorder associated with the loss of hundreds of thousands of honey bee colonies in the United States during the last five years, has not been determined. Pesticide residues at chronic and/or sub-lethal levels appear likely to be attributing to colony losses. Concerns identified by the research, regulatory and public communities point to the unknown effects of pesticides, including systemic insecticide, fungicide and herbicide products, on honeybees. Research has identified as many as 31 different pesticide residues in one environmental (pollen) sample taken from a honey bee colony, as well as an average of 6 or more pesticide residues in each of a pool of 669 colonies sampled. Research has identified that risk to honey bees from pesticide activity is both synergistic and cumulative when bees are exposed to multiple pesticides.

The Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA), exists for purpose of protecting the health and welfare of honey bee colonies in the United States.

Be it resolved that the AIA, at its annual meeting on February 10, 2012 hereby expresses concern and requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) re-evaluate the protocol used to assess the risk of pesticide chemistries on honey bees, with particular interest in the potential sub-lethal and synergistic activities of pesticide chemistries under field conditions, and take such action as needed to understand the activity of pesticides on all life stages of honeybees and to provide adequate protection of honey bees in the U.S.

Be it further resolved that AIA would like to work cooperatively with the EPA and USDA in an effort to exchange knowledge regarding honey bee health concerns, and in the development of pesticide registration protocols affecting honey bee health.

Sincerely,



Paul Poling
Secretary AIA

Audience: USDA/APHIS/PPQ & EPA
cc, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
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Dear Administrator Jackson,

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome Mr. Mark Kasman of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the inaugural class of the SES Development Program sponsored by the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN), with participation by the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

With over 100 applicants to this highly selective program, Mr. Kasman has been approved by our three executive panels to join the class of 20 senior managers to participate in a rigorous, year-long developmental experience including partnering with an experienced SES mentor to receive personal coaching to strengthen their leadership and management abilities. This unique executive development opportunity is funded by AAGEN and will be held in Washington, DC. The SES Development Program will fully prepare the selected members to enter the SES. Through this program, participants on the cusp of being eligible for the SES will further bolster their qualifications and be trained and mentored, as well as have the opportunity to network, as a final polish to show their readiness for the SES.

We look forward to the participation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in assisting Mr. Kasman fulfill his/her potential to achieve SES rank and enhance their contributions to public service. Please feel free to contact me if I may answer any questions or address any concerns you may have.

Very respectfully,

Tommy Hwang
Chair, AAGEN
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cc: Craig Hooks, Rafael DeLeon, Piyachat Terell



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Dear Administrator Jackson,

It is with the greatest pleasure that we welcome Ms. Sasha Koo-Oshima of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the inaugural class of the SES Development Program sponsored by the Asian American Government Executives Network (AAGEN), with participation by the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

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Very respectfully,

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MEMORANDUM FOR VALERIE S. BOYD
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NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

The National Security Affairs Calendar for the upcoming months is attached.

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Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

- Feb 27-Mar 23 19th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
- Mar 19* Visit of Foreign Minister Azubalis of Lithuania to Washington
- Mar 19-23 UN Conference to Review Implementation of the Program of Action on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, New York
- Mar 20* Visit of Prime Minister Kenny of Ireland to Washington
- Mar 20* Visit of President and Foreign Minister Tong of Kiribati to Washington
- Mar 20* Visit of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Leanca of Moldova to Washington
- Mar 20-24 World Conference on Tobacco and Health, Singapore
- Mar 21* Visit of Foreign Minister Pusic of Croatia to Washington
- Mar 21* Visit of Foreign Minister Rassoul of Afghanistan to Washington to attend the 10th Anniversary Luncheon of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council
- Mar 21-23* Visit of Foreign Minister Sheikh Khalid al Khalifa, Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad al Khalifa and Deputy Prime Minister Mohammad bin Mubarak of Bahrain to Washington

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Mar 22* Visit of Defense Minister Pinzon of Colombia to Washington

Mar 22* U.S.-Turkmenistan Annual Bilateral Consultations, Washington

Mar 22-23* Visit of Foreign Minister Meredov of Turkmenistan to Washington

Mar 23* Visit of Foreign Minister Bassole of Burkina Faso to Washington

Mar 23-25 7th Annual Brussels Forum, Brussels

Mar 25 Hong Kong Chief Executive Selection

Mar 25 Presidential Elections in Senegal—2nd Round

Mar 25-30 Visit of Secretary of Commerce Bryson to India

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Mar 26-27 2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul

Mar 26-27 Visit of Secretary of Defense Panetta to Canada

Mar 26-27 Visit of President Obama to South Korea

Mar 26-27 Regional Economic Conference for Cooperation in Afghanistan (RECCA), Dushanbe

Mar 26-28* Visit of Prime Minister Thinley of Bhutan to Washington

Mar 26-28* Visit of Defense Minister Otarolo of Peru to Washington and Miami

Mar 26-29 U.S.-China Bilateral Consultations on Information and Communications Policy, Beijing

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Mar 26-29 Asian Business Aviation Conference, Shanghai

Mar 27* Visit of Foreign Minister Paet of Estonia to Washington

Mar 27-29 Arab League Summit, Baghdad

Mar 28-29* U.S.-China Women-Lead Initiative Dialogue, Washington

Mar 29 Legislative Elections in The Gambia

Mar 29-30* Visit of Foreign Minister Diaconescu of Romania to Washington

Mar 29-30 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
Environment Ministers Meeting, Paris

Mar 29-30 Visit of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Jackson
to France

Mar 30 Gulf Security Forum (GSF), Riyadh

Mar 31 Parliamentary Elections in Mauritania

Mar 31-Apr 3 Boao Forum for Asia, Boao

Apr TBD* Visit of Defense Minister Salman bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia
to Washington

Apr 1 Friends of Syria Meeting, Istanbul

Apr 1 Parliamentary By-Elections in Burma

Apr 2* North American Leaders' Summit, Washington

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- Apr 2* Visit of President Calderon of Mexico to Washington
- Apr 2* Visit of Prime Minister Harper of Canada to Washington
- Apr 2-6* U.S.-China Ten Year Framework on Energy and Environment, Washington
- Apr 3-4 Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Countering Violent Extremism Working Group Meeting, Abu Dhabi
- Apr 3-5 Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town
- Apr 4-5* Visit of Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen of Singapore to Washington
- Apr 4-6* Visit of Prime Minister Thaci of Kosovo to Washington
- Apr 9* Visit of President Rouseff of Brazil to Washington
- Apr 9* Visit of Foreign Minister Reynders of Belgium to Washington
- Apr 9* Department of Energy's Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technology Meeting, Washington
- Apr 10-12* Visit of Foreign Minister Gamba of Japan to Washington
- Apr 11 National Assembly Elections in the Republic of Korea
- Apr 11* Visit of Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean of Singapore to Washington
- Apr 11-12* G-8 Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Washington
- Apr 11-13* Visit of Foreign Minister Peiris of Sri Lanka to Washington

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Apr 11-14 Young Atlanticist Summit, Bratislava

Apr 12-13 7th Annual Global Security Forum (GLOBSEC), Bratislava

Apr 13 Summit of the Americas Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Cartagena

Apr 14-15 6th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena

Apr 14-15 East Asia Low Carbon Growth Partnership, Tokyo

Apr 16 Presidential Elections in Timor-Leste—2nd Round (if necessary)

Apr 16 Ministerial Global Partnership Dialogue Meeting, Brasilia

Apr 16-17 Visit of Secretary of Health and Human Services Sebelius to Haiti

Apr 16-18 World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta

Apr 17-18 Annual Open Government Partnership (OGP) Conference, Brasilia

Apr 17-19 World Travel & Tourism Council's 12th Global Summit, Tokyo

Apr 18 Joint NATO Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels

Apr 18 (T) Friends of Yemen Meeting, Riyadh

Apr 18-19 Clean Energy Ministerial, London

Apr 20-22* G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, Washington

Apr 20-22* World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring Meeting, Washington

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Apr 20-26 United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
XIII Ministerial Conference/World Investment Forum, Doha

Apr 22 Presidential Elections in France-1st Round

Apr 22 Parliamentary Elections in Iran-2nd Round

Apr 23 Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius

Apr 23-25 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates 2012, Chicago

Apr 23-25* Visit of Prime Minister Gilauri of Georgia to Washington

Apr 25* The Secretary of State's Forum on Investing with Impact, Washington

Apr 25-28* Visit of Prime Minister Berisha of Albania to Washington

Apr 29 Presidential Elections in Mali-1st Round

Apr 29 (T) Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)

Apr 29-May 2* Visit of Foreign Minister del Rosario and Defense Minister Gazmin
of the Philippines to Washington

Apr 30* U.S.-Philippines 2+2 Ministerial-Level Dialogue, Washington

Apr 30-May 11 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee Meeting,
Vienna

May 2-5 (T) U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, Beijing

May 4 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Palestinian Authority

May 6 Presidential Elections in France-2nd Round

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May 6	Parliamentary Elections in Armenia
May 6	Parliamentary Elections in Serbia
May 7	Parliamentary Elections in Syria
May 7-9	International Export Control Conference, Portoroz
May 9-11	World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa
May 10	Parliamentary Elections in Algeria
May 11-13	5 th Lennart Meri Conference, Tallinn
May 12-Aug 12	Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast
May 13	Presidential Elections in Mali-2 nd Round
May 14-15	Arctic Council Deputy Foreign Ministers Meeting, Stockholm
May 14-15	U.S.-Indonesia Science and Technology Joint Commission Meeting, Jakarta
May 15-25	UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Meetings of Subsidiary Bodies and Ad-Hoc Working Groups, Bonn
May 17-20*	Visit of Prime Minister Najib of Malaysia to Washington
May 18-19	2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London
May 18-19	G-8 Summit, Camp David

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May 18-21 Young Atlanticist Chicago Summit, Chicago

May 20 Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic

May 20 10th Anniversary of Independence of Timor-Leste

May 20 Presidential Inauguration in Taiwan

May 20-21 NATO Summit, Chicago

May 20-Jun 5 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2nd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM2) and Related Meetings, Kazan

May 21-23 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Education Ministerial, Gyeongju

May 21-24 2nd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Kuala Lumpur

May 21-26 65th Session, World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly, Geneva

May 22-26 Visit of Secretary of Transportation LaHood to Indonesia

May 23 Presidential Elections in Egypt—1st Round

May 23-24 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Meeting, Paris

May 24* Visit of Foreign Minister McCully of New Zealand to Washington

May 25-26 6th Pacific Island Leaders (PALM 6) Meeting, Nago City

May 26 National Elections in Lesotho

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May 28-30	3 rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30-31	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Food Security Ministerial Meeting, Kazan
May 30-Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31-Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
May 31-Jun 2	2012 Wroclaw Global Forum, Wroclaw
Jun TBD	Parliamentary Elections in Timor-Leste
Jun 1-3	Shangri-la Dialogue, Singapore
Jun 3-5	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
Jun 4-5	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Ministerial Meeting, Kazan
Jun 4-6	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul
Jun 4-8	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Jun 4-8	25 th World Gas Conference: "Gas: Sustaining Future Global Growth," Kuala Lumpur
Jun 7	Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Coordinating Committee Meeting, Istanbul

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Jun 10 Legislative Elections in France-1st Round

Jun 12* U.S.-India Higher Education Dialogue, Washington

Jun 14 Kabul Ministerial Conference on the Istanbul Process, Kabul

Jun 16 Presidential Elections in Egypt-2nd Round

Jun 17 Legislative Elections in France-2nd Round

Jun 17 Parliamentary Elections in Senegal

Jun 18-19 G-20 Leaders Summit, Los Cabos

Jun 18-19* 2012 African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum, Washington

Jun 18-Jul 6 20th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva

Jun 20 (T) Parliamentary Elections in Libya

Jun 20-22 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro

Jun 20-23 U.S.-Africa Business Convention, Cincinnati

Jun 21 National Constitutional Assembly Elections in Libya

Jun 21* U.S.-Portugal Standing Bilateral Commission, Washington

Jun 24-25 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 10th Energy Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg

Jun 25-Jul 5 36th World Heritage Committee Meeting, St. Petersburg

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Jun 26-28 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women and the Economy Summit, St. Petersburg

Jun 28-29* P-5 Conference on Verification, Transparency and Confidence-Building, Washington

Jun 30 Presidential Elections in Iceland

Jul TBD* Global Diaspora Forum, Washington

Jul 1 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico

Jul 1 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1st Round

Jul 2-27 Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Conference, New York

Jul 8 Tokyo Development Coordination Conference for Afghanistan, Tokyo

Jul 9-13 East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting, 19th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Lower Mekong and Friends of the Lower Mekong Ministers' Meeting, Phnom Penh

Jul 13-15 U.S.-China Sub-National Cooperation Event—National Governors Association (NGA) Annual Conference, Williamsburg

Jul 16* American Australian Leadership Dialogue (AALD), Washington

Jul 16-19 3rd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Ho Chi Minh City

Jul 22 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-2nd Round

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Jul 22-27* AIDS 2012 XIX, International AIDS Conference, Washington

Jul 27-Aug 12 XXX Summer Olympic Games, London

Aug 3 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Small and Medium Enterprise Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg

Aug 6-8 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Telecommunications and Information Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg

Aug 14 Presidential and Parliamentary in Kenya-1st Round

Aug 27-31 Pacific Islands Forum Meetings, Cook Islands

Aug 29-Sep 9 Paralympic Games, London

Aug 30 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial Meeting, Moscow

Sept TBD Australia-U.S. Ministerial (AUSMIN), Australia

Sept 2-9 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Vladivostok

Sept 4-7 4th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Vladivostok

Sept 6-15 International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) World Conservation Congress, Jeju

Sept 10-14 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Sept 10-28 21st Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva

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Sept 11-13 Annual Meeting of the New Champions, Tianjin

Sept 14* U.S.-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting, Washington

Sept 14* Visit of Foreign Minister Natalegawa of Indonesia to Washington

Sept 17-21 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna

Sept 24 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Sept 24-28 United Nations General Assembly High-Level Week, New York

Sept 24-Oct 15 25th Universal Postal Union Congress, Doha

Oct 1-19 11th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Hyderabad

Oct 7 Presidential Elections in Venezuela

Oct 8 Presidential Elections in Slovenia

Oct 12-14 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting, Tokyo

Oct 24-28 Americas Competitiveness Forum/Pathways to Prosperity Ministerial, Cali

Oct 28 Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine

Nov 6-8 India Economic Summit, New Delhi

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- Nov 6-9 7th Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Baku
- Nov 7-10 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), Brasilia
- Nov 17 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Sierra Leone
- Nov 18-20 (T) 21st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Summit, Phnom Penh
- Nov 27-Dec 7 18th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 8th
Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the
Parties (CMP 8) to the Kyoto Protocol, Qatar
- Nov 29-30 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors
Meeting, Vienna
- Dec 6-7 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
Ministerial, Dublin
- Dec 19 Presidential Elections in the Republic of Korea

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CC:	OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education R6 - Region 6 -- Immediate Office		

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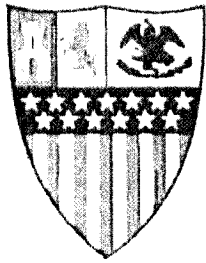
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City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

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David Coss, Mayor

March 23, 2012

Lisa P. Jackson
Environmental Protection Agency
Email: jackson.lisap@epa.gov

Re: A Resolution Supporting the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Pollution
Under the Clean Air Act.

Dear Administrator Jackson:

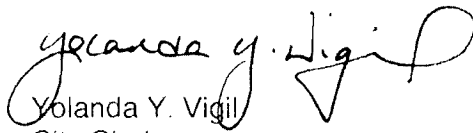
Attached is a copy of Resolution 2012-30 which was approved by the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe on March 14, 2012.

Resolution 2012-30 states that climate change is not an abstract problem for the future or one that will only affect far-distant places but rather climate change is happening now, we are causing it, and the longer we wait to act, the more we lose and the more difficult the problem will be to solve.

This resolution also brings this issue to your attention and respectfully urges swift action to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act so that we can do our part to reduce in our atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million.

Should you have any questions regarding this resolution, you may contact me at (505) 955-6519.

Sincerely,


Yolanda Y. Vigil
City Clerk

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Subject: Daily Reading File - Urge EPA to consider several key issues on the role of science in support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative program

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: Assign lead to Cam Davis in the Great Lakes Office (jl)

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

OW - Office of Water -- Immediate Office

SAB - Science Advisory Board

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A



Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition

March 22, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20

Dear Administrator Jackson,

We are writing on behalf of the Healing Our Waters[®]-Great Lakes Coalition (HOW Coalition) to urge you to consider several key issues on the role of science in support of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) program. Given limited budgets, we need to ensure that investments in restoration and protection are based on the best possible science and that there is a program to assess progress at scales appropriate for this massive undertaking. Much of this has been addressed in the recent GLRI review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board (SAB Report), and we provide comments in support of the most important key actions.

The SAB report noted that the GLRI Action Plan supported the premise that enough was known about underlying causes and potential remedies to impairments in the Great Lakes to initiate action, that the Action Plan identifies most of the key actions needed, and that the Action Plan is largely consistent with previous plans and strategy documents. However, the report also points out that the plan falls short of reflecting the research, monitoring, and assessment needs identified in those earlier efforts, and that it lacks a formal science-based framework for assessing progress and evaluating future priorities. We believe this science-based framework is critical as it adds value to Great Lakes restoration through five main mechanisms: 1) identification of the causative stressors and implementable solutions; 2) utility as a perceived neutral arbiter in the restoration decision-making process; 3) better identification of returns on investment; 4) tracking the effectiveness of restoration activities; and 5) development and refinement of restoration tools (including in an adaptive management context).

We strongly support two relevant recommendations in the SAB report, elaborated below: 1) develop a science plan that augments the Action Plan, and 2) establish a process for garnering independent science advice and for engaging the non-federal community in implementing the science plan.

Bolstering the GLRI Action Plan with a Science Plan and Science-Based Framework:

The SAB report noted that “while EPA may be able to report on project-specific outputs and some outcomes, it will not be in a position to effectively measure and report on progress toward the overall goal of restoring the Great Lakes.”¹ This observation is consistent with the

¹ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action

recommendation on the need for comprehensive monitoring and assessment work outlined in the HOW Technical Advisory Committee 2005 white paper on Great Lakes restoration and protection.² It is critical that the sum of individual projects lead to restoration and protection at larger scales, and we believe implementation of a more formal science plan can better ensure achievement of those larger scale goals.

The SAB report also recommended that EPA work with other individuals to develop “a forward-looking science plan that, when coupled with the Action Plan, creates a conducive framework for adaptive management.”³ Some key components of such a science plan would include:

- Approaches to assess, synthesize, integrate, and report outcomes and impacts of restoration actions beyond individual project scales and considering multiple stresses.
- Developing and testing emerging restoration and protection methods for addressing some of the most challenging threats.
- Assessments to understand and overcome impediments and to guide development of future restoration priorities.
- Support for more proactive approaches to dealing with issues, in particular assuming the revised Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement further highlights the importance of more prevention/precautionary approaches.

Independent Science Advice and Implementation:

The SAB report recommended that EPA develop a science advice and implementation structure to both provide advice on the plan and implement key elements of the plan.⁴ This structure would include an independent science advisory panel made up of senior level natural and social scientists and engineers from agencies, academia, industry, and nongovernmental organizations, which would convene every 1-2 years “to review the science plan and restoration progress, evaluate new scientific findings, and recommend appropriate adjustments to the action plan and science plan.”⁵ We recommend that, while the science plan itself could be developed by an agency-led process, independent science advice is best achieved in conjunction with other stakeholder advice and should be integrated into that process if one is developed.

The SAB report also identified several potential models of structures that integrated non-federal science into the implementation process, including the Puget Sound Institute (housed at the University of Washington). We believe that type of structure, via a formal entity at a regional academic institution that has significant experience in relevant natural resource issues, and provides access to multiple disciplines, other academic institutions, and other sectors, would be an appropriate and fruitful approach.

Plan Panel report (SAB report), p. 14.

² Bails, J., Becton, A., Bulkley, J., DePhilip, M., Gannon, J., Mutray, M., Regier, H., and Scavia, D., Prescription for Great Lakes ecosystem protection and restoration, December 2005.

³ U.S. EPA, SAB report, p. 14.

⁴ U.S. EPA, SAB report, p. 16.

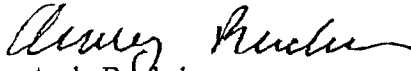
⁵ *Ibid.*

Finally, implementation of the science plan and independent science advice structure require funding, and we note that the SAB report identified a range of 5 to 50 percent of total annual funding going to monitoring, assessment, and evaluation in other restoration efforts.⁶ Earlier recommendations from the HOW Coalition indicated that up to 25 percent would be a good overall ceiling and this research and monitoring are undertaken to help inform future on-the-ground restoration activity. Because science support is contained within some of the existing projects and with some of the Federal agencies, we recommend including at least five percent for the external institute model outlined above with the caveat that all science efforts clearly tie to the overall goals of large-scale ecosystem restoration and protection in the Great Lakes.

Summary:

We endorse the call for development of a science-based adaptive management framework that includes a science plan and an independent advice and implementation structure for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Furthermore, HOW Technical Advisory Committee members collectively have many years of experience on these types of issues, and along with the Coalition leadership, are willing to provide further input in moving this type of framework forward. Given that we are already into the third year of this restoration program, we urge U.S. EPA to act on these recommendations as soon as possible, to provide the best assurances that limited resources are being directed in ways that maximize restoration and protection of the Great Lakes.

Sincerely,



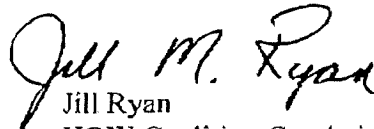
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⁶ U.S. EPA, SAB report, p. 17.



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Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

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CC: Carol Stangel - OCSPP-OPP-PRD
 OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
 R5 - Region 5 -- Immediate Office
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March 19, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

As the owner of Cardwell Do-it Best Home Center in Indianapolis, I provide my customers with low-cost effective rodent control solutions every day. You may not know the history of rodent control advancements over the past decades, but to put it simply, the industry was forced to develop new formulae for rodent control when rodents over time developed immunities to the active ingredients in the poison.

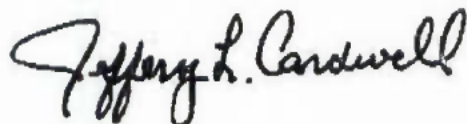
Fortunately, we have available to apartment owners, restaurant managers, and hotel maintenance staff, very effective rodent control products that have proven safe for everyone except the rodents. Unfortunately, your agency has decided, arbitrarily, to cancel the sale of second-generation rodenticides. The impact will be felt in two areas:

1. Small businesspersons who own multi-family residential units, and "mom and pop" retailers and restaurateurs will be forced to hire expensive commercial exterminators to control rodents. That extra cost will ultimately be borne by customers, and certainly will lead to a loss of jobs in the small business community.
2. Public health will be endangered by the increase in rodent populations, caused by landlords, et al, making the painful decision to forego rodent control activity because of increased costs. More rodents means more disease-carrying animals mixing with the human population. These diseases, including viral, bacterial, protozoan, and other pathogens, are associated with rats and mice and include food poisoning, leptospirosis, Lyme disease, rickettsial pox, and trichinosis.

I could understand your position if you had any scientific evidence of a public health threat caused or threatened by rodenticides on the market today. Instead, your agency provides only conjecture, speculation, and fear-mongering to justify the interjection of government regulation.

Please reconsider your proposed cancellation of the sale of modern rodenticides at the retail level. You can trust that state-based public health officials, retailers, and our customers will provide the best solutions to the problem of rodents, at the local level.

Sincerely,



Jeff Cardwell

Cc: Congressman Andre Carson
Senator Dan Coats
Honorable Jim Jones
Senator Richard Lugar



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Sub-Committee: N/A

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 Subject: Daily Reading File - Certified Environmental Professional Scientific Integrity Policy - Professional Credentials
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**Subject: Certified Environmental Professional
Scientific Integrity Policy – Professional Credentials**

Dear Administrator Jackson,

We are writing to you today seeking your direction and instruction as to the most appropriate Points-of-Contact (POC) within EPA Headquarters and Regional Offices with whom to open discussions about having the Certified Environmental Professional identified as a career development opportunity and resource. Our request is made in light of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Memorandum for Chief Human Resources Officers "Fact Sheet on Certification and Certificate Programs" that indicates Agencies may look to established professional organizations for professional certification of its employees.¹

In review of EPA's website the following two human resources-led programs are in-place for recognition of professional development; however, these programs focus upon early and late career stages leaving a void for the mid-level and early-senior level scientist.

- Environmental Careers Program (ECP) offers training and professional development for entry-level positions.²
- Senior Environmental Employment program (SEE) provides a forum for individuals 55-years old and older to contribute to EPA missions and specifically recognizes experienced scientists.

¹ <http://www.chcoc.gov/Transmittals/Attachments/trans1489.pdf>

² <http://www.epa.gov/ohr/ecp.html>

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Ms. Lisa Jackson
Environmental Protection Agency
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The EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy includes professional development of government scientists with specific attention to encouraging active contribution to professional organizations and maintaining professional credentials.³

We take this opportunity to request instruction as to the appropriate Point-of-Contact (POC) to further discuss including the Certified Environmental Professional as a career development opportunity to mid-career professionals. This opportunity would provide Careerists with an established, recognized professional certification in line with the Scientific Integrity Policy's underlying presumption that individuals have applied, obtained, and maintained his/her professional credential.

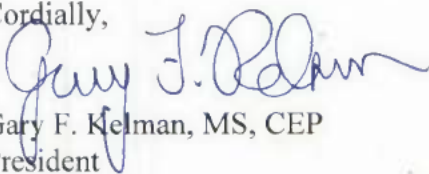
The Academy of Board Certified Environmental Professionals (ABCEP) began credentialing environmental professionals in 1979 and is accredited by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB)⁴. ABCEP is a not-for-profit scientific specialty board. ABCEP issues the Certified Environmental Professional (CEP) and the CEP-In Training credential. The CEP is recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CEP is recognized by national environmental and engineering companies as a credential necessary for promotion and career advancement, by environmental insurance underwriters as a credential assuring competency, and by several Federal Agencies for personnel promotion and competency of studies/documents issued by a CEP.

The CEP is bestowed upon individuals who have attained nine (9) years of professional experience, submit five (5) written essays that are peer-reviewed by a multi-member review panel, submit eight (8) letters of reference, and proves him / herself in an oral interview. The time-consuming CEP credentialing process has been recognized for differentiating itself from other credentialing processes through these comprehensive personal requirements, peer-review essay exam, and oral interviews versus credentials bestowed upon an individual who regurgitated facts in a single exam.

On behalf of our credentialed professionals, several of whom are existing EPA careerists and contractors, and future applicants who may be EPA personnel or contractors, we invite the opportunity to discuss with you, or your designee, what efforts can be done to add the CEP as a recognized professional development credential.

Please contact either myself at the contact information below or Corry Platt, CEP, [ABCEP Recognition Committee Chair] at 919.362.3700 or corry.platt@concept2delivery.com

Cordially,



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³ http://www.epa.gov/osa/pdfs/epa_scientific_integrity_policy_20120115.pdf

⁴ www.cesb.org



Kashia Round House
Founded in 1916

Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

of the Stewarts Point Rancheria

March 19, 2012

Lisa Jackson, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Jackson,

I write to express my support for continued funding for the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) that will enable the organization to continue supporting and improving the water and wastewater systems of tribal lands in America. The Kashia Band of Pomo Indians (Kashia) has greatly benefitted from the services RCAP provides, and we hope that other tribal communities will likewise be able to benefit from their continued assistance.

Kashia has a small microfiltration system utility with 18 household connections and one school. We have two water operators, which with combined time less than full-time. Because of the sophistication of our system, it is imperative that we have operators who are not only trained and certified in distribution and treatment, but also understand how to take care of a computerized system. Kashia's Department of Environmental Planning helps cover most of the costs of the water operators and with the assistance of RCAP Staff the system continues to meet federal regulations. The Operators have attended several of the training workshops offered by RCAP and found each one to be invaluable. When the Operators contact RCAP staff with questions they have always been able to find answers.

Our experience has shown that RCAP is a valuable resource that is needed by many tribal communities. Small water systems like ours need the assistance and support of RCAP to continue our efforts to provide clean and safe drinking water to our residents and set us on a path toward sustainability for the future. We earnestly recognize the value and appreciate the technical assistance offered to us by RCAP, and support continued their continued funding so that other tribal communities may benefit from the exceptional services they provide.

Respectfully,

Emilio Valencia
Tribal Chairman

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Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 700
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March 23, 2012

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Lessons Learned Review

Dear Ms. Administrator:

I am pleased to announce a joint Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board/ Inspector General initiative currently underway to document the lessons learned from the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

The objective of the Lessons Learned Review is to identify which actions, processes, and mechanisms have been either beneficial or posed challenges to agencies, departments, and their respective Offices of Inspectors General (OIGs) in meeting the requirements of the Recovery Act. Central to the review will be cross-cutting issues that have surfaced in the following areas: pre-award processes associated with Recovery Act funds; outreach, education, and technical assistance provided to Recovery Act recipients; performance measures; and oversight.

Sixteen OIGs are currently participating in the review, and field work is set to begin this month. A complete list of participating OIGs is enclosed. Each OIG will review and assess agency/departmental implementation efforts as well as the OIG's own oversight efforts. Supplemental interviews with program officials will capture perceptions of the work performed to comply with Recovery Act requirements. All interviews will be structured similarly to ensure that data collected are comparable.

The Board is grateful for your continued contributions to the implementation of the Recovery Act. Your support of the Lessons Learned Review will help provide an accurate portrayal of any best practices and opportunities for improving government-wide efforts for transparency and accountability of federal funds, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Kathleen S. Tighe
Chair

Enclosure

cc: Arthur A. Elkins, Jr., Inspector General
Craig Hooks, Recovery Act Official



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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File-Concern over proposed "cancellation of sale" of consumer use low-cost and effective modern "second-generation" rodenticides

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

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CC: Carol Stangel - OCSPP-OPP-PRD
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March 20, 2012

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Administrator Jackson,

I am writing you today wearing two hats. I am Owner of American Village Properties, owner and developer of multi-unit residential complexes in Indiana and Kentucky. I also serve the citizens of Indiana as a State Representative (Dist. 90).

As a developer/apartment owner, I am concerned that your proposed "cancellation of sale" of consumer use low-cost and effective modern "second-generation" rodenticides will drive up our operating costs, and eventually my residents' rents. As a State Representative, I am concerned about the larger public health issue of your choice to ban second generation rodenticides, absent any evidence of public harm or threat of harm, while apparently accepting the inevitable rise in rodent populations. As you are well aware, rodents are known to carry dozens of contagious diseases.

We all want our neighbors to be safe and healthy, and are not willing to sacrifice health for convenience, or even reasonable costs. However the balance you are claiming to strike is really no balance at all. Rather, it is lopsided regulation that ignores scientific studies, and adds costs without any demonstrable or projected public benefit.

I must respectfully ask you to reconsider your proposed action on these consumer-use rodenticides, and allow the scientific, public health, and residential real estate communities to work for the best for their customers and constituents, without arbitrary interference.

Sincerely,

Mike Speedy
State Representative
District 90



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Subject: Daily Reading File - Biosolids Management Disinvestment Plan

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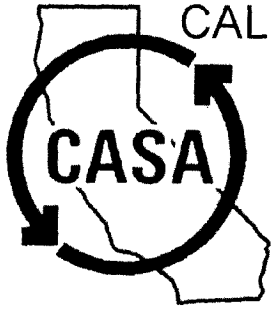
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March 23, 2012

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Lisa Jackson, Administrator
US EPA
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Subject: Biosolids Management Disinvestment Plan

Dear Ms. Jackson:

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) respectfully requests reconsideration of the recent decision by the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) to completely disinvest in the biosolids program. CASA represents more than ninety percent (90%) of the sewered population of California and has long been a proactive leader on wastewater treatment, recycled water, biosolids management, and climate change mitigation issues. California alone manages approximately 650,000 dry metric tons of biosolids annually, representing almost ten percent (10%) of the national total.

While it is understood that budgets continue to be reduced and that EPA must prioritize programs in order to maximize precious resources, a wide range of stakeholders, be they regulators, the regulated, or environmental advocacy groups, are united in opposing this decision. Disinvestment from enforcement of the biosolids program will save minimal dollars in the short term but will likely require significantly more resources in the future as a consequence of the regulatory void created. Approximately forty percent (40%) of the cost of wastewater treatment is expended on sludge and biosolids management. Many biosolids management options, including recycling to land, have faced a number of challenges to date and the potential for contention in the absence of sound science and clear regulatory enforcement and oversight is great. Public agencies must build and maintain support for sustainable biosolids management options in public forums where compliance with regulations is the cornerstone for success. Achieving such success will be much more difficult and at times impossible if EPA is unable or unwilling to confirm compliance. It is imperative that EPA reverses the decision to disinvest and instead commits itself to oversight of the program. This is vital to protecting responsible public agencies that are effectively adhering to or exceeding the regulations from being placed in jeopardy by those who are not.

OECA cited the existence of state programs as one justification for their decision, but states are generally in equally dire or worse fiscal situations than EPA and only eight states are delegated for the biosolids program. This equates to an unfunded mandate in the remaining states and runs counter to the trust agreement on tribal lands. OECA also cites the Biosolids Environmental Management System (BEMS) program implemented by the National Biosolids Partnership (NBP) as providing effective oversight. Please be aware that, though the NBP program has been in place since the late 1990's, only some 29 agencies across the country are currently certified by NBP. Further, having served on the NBP steering committee virtually since its inception, the EMS was not intended as a surrogate for regulation. Also, since congressional funding for the NBP is no longer certain, neither is the future of that program.

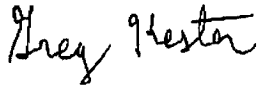
EPA has consistently reduced efforts devoted to biosolids management since promulgation of comprehensive risk based regulations in 1993 (40 CFR part 503). Because EPA already only devotes a skeletal staffing level and few resources to the biosolids program, (far less than 0.1% of EPA's 8.3 billion dollar budget in FY 2012) the risks of disinvestment far outweigh the cost reduction benefits of such a decision. The Office of the Inspector General performed two audits in the early 2000's and each time determined that due to a lack of oversight EPA could not effectively assure the public that the regulations were followed. There are fewer than ten (10) full time staff devoted to the entire biosolids program nationwide. To eliminate or sharply curtail these existing resources will jeopardize the viability of biosolids management options and increase costs to public agencies facing their own resource limitations.

Disinvestment will also place in jeopardy the significant capital investments that have been and will continue to be made by local utilities to pursue biosolids management options in compliance with regulations. If local opposition or new regulations render existing options untenable, then that investment will be lost. It should also be noted that public agencies are exploring new technologies and enhancing the ability to extract latent energy from biosolids and sludge to fulfill the nations renewable energy mandates. To ensure successful implementation of such advancements it is critical that EPA be a partner with us.

For these reasons, we urge you to direct OECA to re-examine its decision to further disinvest from the biosolids program. It should be noted that to the contrary, many requests have been made over the years for EPA to *reinvest* in the program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and for further clarification. We are pleased to work with the agency to provide reasonable recommendations to effectively continue this invaluable program.

March 23, 2012
Ms. Lisa Jackson, Administrator, US EPA
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Sincerely,



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Jakarta, ¹⁹ March 2012

H.E. Ms Lisa P. Jackson
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Excellency Ms Lisa P Jackson,

Notice of Data Availability Concerning Renewable Fuels Produced From Palm Oil Under The Renewable Fuels Standard Program

1. *I refer to the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Regulatory Announcement on Notice of Data Availability concerning renewable fuels produced from palm oil under the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) Program on 27 January 2011.*
2. *Indonesia views with concern on EPA's analysis on the green house gas (GHG) emission reduction on biodiesel and renewable diesel produced from palm oil at 17% and 11% respectively. In this context, studies undertaken by many institutes and industries showed that palm based biodiesel has different value/threshold. In this regards, we will submit more data to support EPA's analysis to produce better data.*
3. *In the EPA's analysis did not include the Government of Indonesia's policy on the implementation of reducing GHG emission as stated by our President in Copenhagen in 2009, moratorium of opening new land as Letter of Intent signed by Indonesia and Norway. Indonesia also has implemented Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil Certification System, with the same objective to reduce GHG emission. In this regard I have directed the Indonesian palm oil stakeholders to send response base on scientific and justifiable comments for EPA's consideration.*

4. *Palm oil is a strategic commodity in our economy and plays an important role in increasing the welfare of smallholders. The palm oil industry plays a great role in reducing unemployment and alleviating poverty. It gives life to a total of 5 million smallholders and an additional of about 17 million people working in plantations. This number does not include the people whose life has been indirectly affected by the industry. Taking into account the important of the palm oil industry, The Government of Indonesia accepts the responsibility of promoting sustainable palm oil development as the need to meet the economic, social and environment aspect of development as stipulated in the World Sustainable Summit Development (WSSD).*

Thank you

**Your Sincerely,
Minister of Agriculture**



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cc.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRIAN P. MCKEON
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

The National Security Affairs Calendar for the upcoming months is attached.

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Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Mar 25-27 Visit of President Obama to South Korea

Mar 25-30 Visit of Secretary of Commerce Bryson to India

Mar 26-27 2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul

Mar 26-27 Visit of Secretary of Defense Panetta to Canada

Mar 26-27 Regional Economic Conference for Cooperation in Afghanistan
(RECCA), Dushanbe

Mar 26-28* Visit of Prime Minister Thinley of Bhutan to Washington

Mar 26-28* Visit of Defense Minister Otarolo of Peru to Washington and Miami

Mar 26-29 U.S.-China Bilateral Consultations on Information and
Communications Policy, Beijing

Mar 26-29 Asian Business Aviation Conference, Shanghai

Mar 27* Visit of Foreign Minister Paet of Estonia to Washington

Mar 27-28* Affordable World Security Conference, Washington

Mar 27-29 Arab League Summit, Baghdad

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Mar 28-29* 3rd U.S.-China Women's Leadership Exchange and Dialogue, Washington

Mar 28-29 Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights (VPs) Initiative Annual Plenary Meeting, Ottawa

Mar 28-29 Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship, Oxford

Mar 28-30 Service Innovation Summit, Madrid

Mar 29 Legislative Elections in The Gambia

Mar 29-30 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Environment Ministers Meeting, Paris

Mar 29-30 Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Board Retreat, Geneva

Mar 29-30 Visit of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Jackson to France

Mar 29-Apr 1 Visit of Secretary of State Clinton to Saudi Arabia and Turkey

Mar 30-31 Security Coordination Forum, Riyadh

Mar 31 Parliamentary Elections in Mauritania

Mar 31-Apr 3 Boao Forum for Asia, Boao

Apr 1 Friends of Syria Meeting, Istanbul

Apr 1 Parliamentary By-Elections in Burma

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Apr 2* North American Leaders' Summit, Washington

Apr 2* Visit of President Calderon of Mexico to Washington

Apr 2* Visit of Prime Minister Harper of Canada to Washington

Apr 2-6* U.S.-China Ten Year Framework on Energy and Environment, Washington

Apr 3-4 Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Countering Violent Extremism Working Group Meeting, Abu Dhabi

Apr 3-5 Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town

Apr 4-5* Visit of Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen of Singapore to Washington

Apr 4-6* Visit of Prime Minister Thaci of Kosovo to Washington

Apr 9* Visit of President Rousseff of Brazil to Washington

Apr 9* Visit of Foreign Minister Reynders of Belgium to Washington

Apr 9* Department of Energy's Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Technology Meeting, Washington

Apr 9-10* U.S.-China Ten Year Framework on Energy and Environment, Washington

Apr 10-12* Visit of Foreign Minister Gemba of Japan to Washington

Apr 10-12 Visit of Defense Minister Salman bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia to Washington

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Apr 11 National Assembly Elections in the Republic of Korea

Apr 11* Visit of Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean of Singapore to Washington

Apr 11* U.S.-China Investment Forum, Washington

Apr 11-12* G-8 Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Washington

Apr 11-14 Young Atlanticist Summit, Bratislava

Apr 12-13 7th Annual Global Security Forum (GLOBSEC), Bratislava

Apr 13 Summit of the Americas Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Cartagena

Apr 14-15 6th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena

Apr 14-15 East Asia Low Carbon Growth Partnership, Tokyo

Apr 14-17 Visit of Secretary of the Interior Salazar to Brazil

Apr 16 Presidential Elections in Timor-Leste—2nd Round (if necessary)

Apr 16 Ministerial Global Partnership Dialogue Meeting, Brasilia

Apr 16-17 Visit of Secretary of Health and Human Services Sebelius to Haiti

Apr 16-17 U.S.-Jordan Strategic and Political Reform Dialogue, Amman

Apr 16-18 World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta

Apr 17-18 Annual Open Government Partnership (OGP) Conference, Brasilia

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Apr 17-19 World Travel & Tourism Council's 12th Global Summit, Tokyo

Apr 18 Joint NATO Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels

Apr 18-19 Clean Energy Ministerial, London

Apr 20-22* G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, Washington

Apr 20-22* World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Spring Meeting, Washington

Apr 20-26 UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) XIII Ministerial Conference/World Investment Forum, Doha

Apr 22 Presidential Elections in France-1st Round

Apr 23 Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius

Apr 23-25 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates 2012, Chicago

Apr 23-25* Visit of Prime Minister Gilauri of Georgia to Washington

Apr 24* (T) Visit of Foreign Minister Carr of Australia to Washington

Apr 25-28* Visit of Prime Minister Berisha of Albania to Washington

Apr 26* The Secretary of State's Forum on Investing with Impact, Washington

Apr 29 Presidential Elections in Mali-1st Round

Apr 29 or May 6 Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)

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Apr 29-May 2* Visit of Foreign Minister del Rosario and Defense Minister Gazmin of the Philippines to Washington

Apr 30* U.S.-Philippines 2+2 Ministerial-Level Dialogue, Washington

Apr 30* Visit of Prime Minister Noda of Japan to Washington

Apr 30-May 11 Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee Meeting, Vienna

May 1 U.S.-China Science & Technology Cooperation Joint Committee Meeting, Beijing

May 2 U.S.-China Innovation Dialogue Joint Committee Meeting, Beijing

May 2 U.S.-China Strategic Security Dialogue, Beijing

May 3-4 U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue, Beijing

May 3-4 U.S.-China Consultations on People-to-People Exchange, Beijing

May 4 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Palestinian Authority

May 4 Parliamentary Elections in Iran-2nd Round

May 6 Presidential Elections in France-2nd Round

May 6 Parliamentary Elections in Armenia

May 6 Parliamentary Elections in Serbia

May 7 Parliamentary Elections in Syria

May 7-9 International Export Control Conference, Portoroz

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May 9-11 World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa

May 10 Parliamentary Elections in Algeria

May 11-13 5th Lennart Meri Conference, Tallinn

May 12-Aug 12 Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast

May 13 Presidential Elections in Mali-2nd Round

May 14-15 Arctic Council Deputy Foreign Ministers Meeting, Stockholm

May 14-15 U.S.-Indonesia Science and Technology Joint Commission Meeting, Jakarta

May 15-25 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Meetings of Subsidiary Bodies and Ad-Hoc Working Groups, Bonn

May 17-20* Visit of Prime Minister Najib of Malaysia to Washington

May 18 (T)* Visit of Foreign Minister Peiris of Sri Lanka to Washington

May 18-19 2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London

May 18-19 G-8 Summit, Camp David

May 18-21 Young Atlanticist Chicago Summit, Chicago

May 20 Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic

May 20 10th Anniversary of Independence of Timor-Leste

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May 20 Presidential Inauguration in Taiwan

May 20-21 NATO Summit, Chicago

May 20-Jun 5 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2nd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM2) and Related Meetings, Kazan

May 21 (T) U.S.-Saudi Arabia Joint Coordination Committee on Infrastructure Protection (JCCIP), Riyadh

May 21-23 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Education Ministerial, Gyeongju

May 21-24 2nd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Kuala Lumpur

May 21-26 65th Session, World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly, Geneva

May 22-26 Visit of Secretary of Transportation LaHood to Indonesia

May 23 Presidential Elections in Egypt—1st Round

May 23 (T) Friends of Yemen Meeting, Riyadh

May 23-24 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Meeting, Paris

May 24* Visit of Foreign Minister McCully of New Zealand to Washington

May 25-26 6th Pacific Island Leaders (PALM 6) Meeting, Nago City

May 26 National Elections in Lesotho

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May 28-30	3 rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30-31	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Food Security Ministerial Meeting, Kazan
May 30-Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31-Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
May 31-Jun 2	2012 Wroclaw Global Forum, Wroclaw
Jun TBD	Parliamentary Elections in Timor-Leste
Jun 1-3	Shangri-la Dialogue, Singapore
Jun 3-5	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
Jun 4-5	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Ministerial Meeting, Kazan
Jun 4-6	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul
Jun 4-8	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Jun 4-8	25 th World Gas Conference: "Gas: Sustaining Future Global Growth," Kuala Lumpur
Jun 7	Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) Coordinating Committee Meeting, Istanbul

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Jun 10	Legislative Elections in France-1 st Round
Jun 12*	U.S.-India Higher Education Dialogue, Washington
Jun 14	Kabul Ministerial Conference on the Istanbul Process, Kabul
Jun 16	Presidential Elections in Egypt-2 nd Round
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2 nd Round
Jun 17	Parliamentary Elections in Senegal
Jun 18-19	G-20 Leaders Summit, Los Cabos
Jun 18-19*	2012 African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum, Washington
Jun 18-Jul 6	20 th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
Jun 20 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Libya
Jun 20-22	UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro
Jun 20-23	U.S.-Africa Business Convention, Cincinnati
Jun 21	National Constitutional Assembly Elections in Libya
Jun 21*	U.S.-Portugal Standing Bilateral Commission, Washington
Jun 24-25	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 10 th Energy Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg
Jun 25-Jul 5	36 th World Heritage Committee Meeting, St. Petersburg

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Jun 26-28 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women and the Economy Summit, St. Petersburg

Jun 28-29* P-5 Conference on Verification, Transparency and Confidence-Building, Washington

Jun 30 Presidential Elections in Iceland

Jul 1 TBD* 2nd Global Diaspora Forum, Washington

Jul 1 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico

Jul 1 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1st Round

Jul 2-27 Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Conference, New York

Jul 8 Tokyo Development Coordination Conference for Afghanistan, Tokyo

Jul 9-13 East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting, 19th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Lower Mekong and Friends of the Lower Mekong Ministers' Meeting, Phnom Penh

Jul 13-15 U.S.-China Sub-National Cooperation Event—National Governors Association (NGA) Annual Conference, Williamsburg

Jul 16* American Australian Leadership Dialogue (AALD), Washington

Jul 16-19 3rd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Ho Chi Minh City

Jul 22 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-2nd Round

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Jul 22-27*	AIDS 2012 XIX, International AIDS Conference, Washington
Jul 27-Aug 12	XXX Summer Olympic Games, London
Aug 3	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Small and Medium Enterprise Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg
Aug 6-8	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Telecommunications and Information Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg
Aug 27-31	Pacific Islands Forum Meetings, Cook Islands
Aug 29-Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London
Aug 30	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial Meeting, Moscow
Sept TBD	Australia-U.S. Ministerial (AUSMIN), Australia
Sept 2-9	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Vladivostok
Sept 4-7	4th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Vladivostok
Sept 6-15	International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) World Conservation Congress, Jeju
Sep 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Sept 10-28	21 st Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
Sept 11-13	Annual Meeting of the New Champions, Tianjin

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Sept 14* U.S.-Indonesia Joint Commission Meeting, Washington

Sept 14* Visit of Foreign Minister Natalegawa of Indonesia to Washington

Sept 17-21 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna

Sept 24 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

Sept 24-28 United Nations General Assembly High-Level Week, New York

Sept 24-Oct 15 25th Universal Postal Union Congress, Doha

Oct 1-19 11th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Hyderabad

Oct 7 Presidential Elections in Venezuela

Oct 8 Presidential Elections in Slovenia

Oct 12-14 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting, Tokyo

Oct 24-28 Americas Competitiveness Forum/Pathways to Prosperity Ministerial, Cali

Oct 28 Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine

Oct 30-Nov 1* G-8 Roma-Lyon Group (RLG) Meeting, Washington

Nov 6-8 India Economic Summit, New Delhi

Nov 6-9 7th Annual Internet Governance Forum (IGF), Baku

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- Nov 7-10 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), Brasilia
- Nov 17 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Sierra Leone
- Nov 18-20 (T) 21st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
Summit, Phnom Penh
- Nov 27-Dec 7 18th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 8th
Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the
Parties (CMP 8) to the Kyoto Protocol, Qatar
- Nov 29-30 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors
Meeting, Vienna
- Dec 6-7 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
Ministerial, Dublin
- Dec 19 Presidential Elections in the Republic of Korea

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Federal Agency Representative,

On January 18, 2012, the Department of State recommended to President Obama that the presidential permit for the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline be denied and that the TransCanada Keystone XL Pipeline be determined to not serve the national interest.

The enclosed media note provides more detailed information on the basis for this decision. The Department's denial of the permit was also published in the Federal Register on February 3, 2012. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this or any other issue that is important to you.

Sincerely,

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George N. Sibley
Director, Office of Environmental Policy

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Subject: Daily Reading File-Florida Numeric Nutrient Criteria
Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns
Instruction Note: N/A
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The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Florida Numeric Nutrient Criteria

Dear Administrator Jackson:

We are writing to you today to urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to promptly review and approve the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (FDEP) regulations on numeric nutrient criteria in Florida as were recently submitted to your Agency.

The FDEP regulations were unanimously approved by the Florida Environmental Regulation Commission this past December. Thereafter, both houses of the Florida Legislature unanimously passed ratification legislation regarding the criteria and Governor Scott signed the ratification legislation into law on February 17, 2012.

With the addition of these nutrient criteria, the State of Florida and its local government partners have the most comprehensive system for nutrient control in the country. Local governments spend several hundred million dollars each year on water quality and flood control initiatives. Florida's Total Maximum Daily Load and Basin Management Action Plan programs, implemented since 1999, are demonstrably addressing nutrient concerns. Florida has 34% of all of the surface water quality data in the nation. FDEP has spent over \$10 million in the development of our numeric nutrient criteria and is not finished yet.

Much of FDEP's rule mirrors that which was promulgated by EPA. But it also includes additional biological metrics and provisions to detect adverse trends in nutrients in all waterbodies. We think that these additional conditions provide for greater assurance from a scientific point of view that a waterbody is (in fact) impaired and far greater certainty that the rule cannot be determined to be arbitrary. Such provisions help assure that scarce public funds will not be allocated to improving a waterbody that is not actually impaired.

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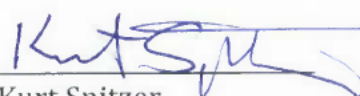
The Florida rules do not, at the present time, apply the numeric nutrient criteria to man-made waters or urban stormwater conveyances for both scientific and fiscal reasons. FDEP's narrative nutrient criteria will, for the time being, continue to apply to these types of waterbodies until an appropriate numeric criterion is developed. Of course, the downstream protection provisions of Florida's new nutrient standards will apply to these waterbodies in order to provide protection to the receiving waterbodies.

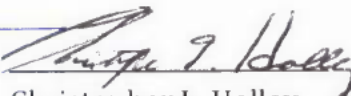
Applying numeric nutrient criteria to ditches or urban stormwater conveyances will inevitably result in the diversion of limited public funds away from those waters where a realistic opportunity exists for improvement of habitat and enhanced recreational uses, to those structures that are merely moving stormwater from one location to another. We believe that such a policy will inevitably result in a wasteful use of scarce public resources with highly uncertain benefits.

We believe that Florida's water quality improvement programs are the most comprehensive in the country. The State of Florida, its local governments and FDEP are best suited to develop a science-based rule that recognizes the great variations in Florida's aquatic systems.

We strongly encourage EPA to adopt FDEP's regulations as submitted, avoiding the promulgation or enforcement of additional regulations concerning numeric nutrient criteria for Florida's fresh waters.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.


Kurt Spitzer
Executive Director
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Subject: Daily Reading File-Support for long-term science program funded by BP settlement funds
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Instruction Note: N/A
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CC: Linda Huffman - OECA
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February 27, 2012

Honorable Lisa Jackson
Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

RE: Support for long-term science program funded by BP settlement funds

Dear Ms. Jackson:

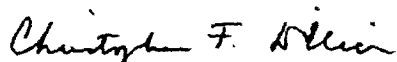
The Gulf of Mexico University Research Consortium (GOMURC; www.gomurc.org) represents more than 60 universities and 100 research programs that support Gulf of Mexico science and education. BP may soon settle claims related to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (DHOS). We write to ask for your help in seizing this opportunity to establish a Gulf-wide, long-term, university-based science program required to support restoration, environmental management, education, and job creation.

Many national restoration plans and responsible management programs highlight the need for restoration science aimed at both direct impacts of the DHOS and decades of environmental degradation to the Gulf ecosystem (for example, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Strategy, Secretary Ray Mabus' post-spill report to the President, National Commission on the Gulf Oil Spill, and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council). This program requires **sustained, coordinated and directed funding for research, monitoring, observing, modeling, and mapping efforts**. Results will enable managers to identify and evaluate restoration measures, inform adaptive management, improve the ability to predict and respond to future disasters and environmental changes, and enhance management practices and technologies that promote sustainable human uses and economies in the Gulf region and the nation.

A long-term, endowed science program overseen by a joint advisory group led by university partners in the Gulf region will ensure that relevant and meritorious science is supported, and promote collaboration and leverage resources among universities, governments, industry, and non-governmental organizations. An endowed science program will stand as a permanent and positive legacy following the human and environmental tragedy of the DHOS, and allow the region to plan into the future for its recovery in a way that builds on other successful regional ecosystem restoration programs, such as Prince William Sound, Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, and the Everglades.

We greatly appreciate your efforts to restore the environment and economy of the Gulf region, and welcome opportunities to discuss these concepts in more detail and share specific language about how a long-term science program could be established and operated. Thank you for your consideration.

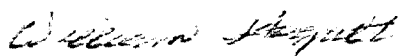
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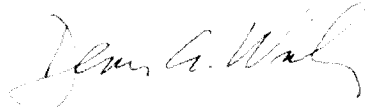
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Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
California Department of Public Health



RON CHAPMAN, MD, MPH
Director & State Health Officer



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor

February 27, 2012

Ms. Lisa Jackson, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., regarding your interest in increasing the pace of expenditures under the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs. Your letter was forwarded to this office for reply.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) administers the state's Drinking Water Program and is committed to use funds provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program in a timely and effective manner. During the last three years, California has made significant strides in the rate at which monies are committed in funding agreements executed with Public Water Systems. In fiscal year 2010-11, CDPH executed 26 funding agreements and committed over \$235 million to high priority infrastructure projects, which increased the State's pace of commitment from 71 percent to 80 percent. In the previous year, CDPH committed \$159 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds to 51 infrastructure construction projects. This amounted to 100 percent commitment of the monies allocated for local assistance by February 2010.

In your letter you suggest steps that can be taken to expedite the flow of DWSRF dollars, including submitting a draft Intended Use Plan early for the 2012 funds. Towards this end, CDPH is well on our way to preparing the 2012 draft Project Priority List, which was release for public comment on February 14, 2012, and will be finalized next month.

You also suggest working closely with communities to create a pipeline for projects. Starting in 2010, CDPH began providing funds for planning projects to help water systems address California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act requirements; Technical, Managerial, and Financial needs; and finalizing plans and specifications. This will lead to more "shovel ready" projects being fully

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prepared to move to construction in the future. In addition, last year Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 1292, which authorizes the use of revenue bonds to provide the required State match share of DWSRF. Over time this will allow CDPH to leverage the funds in the account so that the DWSRF is at or over 100 percent committed.

EPA Region IX staff have been extremely helpful in encouraging and assisting in the State's efforts. CDPH will continue to work with EPA Region IX and Public Water Systems to get DWSRF funds committed to projects in an expeditious manner. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me or Leah Godsey Walker, Chief of the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management at (916) 449-5577.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miren Klein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Miren" and the last name "Klein" clearly distinguishable.

Miren Klein
Assistant Deputy Director
Center for Environmental Health

cc: Ms. Leah Godsey Walker, P.E., Chief
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The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Ariel Rios Building, NW
Washington, DC 20460

February 28, 2012

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As President of the International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IIAR), I am writing to express my strong concern with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent proposal to make public the non-Off-site Consequence Analysis sections of the Risk Management Plan database. IIAR is an association dedicated to the safe, efficient and reliable use of ammonia and other natural refrigerants in industrial refrigeration. IIAR has 2015 members across all 50 states and the majority of our members are subject to the EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP).

After the events of September 11, 2001, EPA made the wise decision to restrict public access to security sensitive information contained in the Risk Management Plan database. I am deeply concerned that information related to the covered chemicals used in a facility, including their location, as well as preventative measures a facility has in place to safeguard such chemicals, and possible worst case scenarios of a release is extremely sensitive. In the wrong hands, a terrorist can utilize this information to target the facilities that would produce the most devastating results if attacked.

It is for these reasons that the agency correctly decided to withhold the non-Off-site Consequence Analysis sections of the RMP database from the Internet. The risks of a terrorist attack are still present and the prudent course of action is to keep this information off the EPA's public website. While I understand the bureaucratic burdens placed on the agency dealing with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests related to the RMP program, I strongly believe that national security interests should prevail.

I urge you to reconsider the decision to make the non-Off-site Consequence Analysis sections of the Risk Management Plan database publicly accessible based on the sensitive nature of the information as it relates to our national security.

Sincerely,

A. Bruce Badger,
President



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Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A **Sub-Committee:** N/A

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City of Lambertville

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February 29, 2012

Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As local elected officials representing big cities and small towns, we want to express our strong support for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recently issued Mercury and Air Toxics Standards for Power Plants (MATS). Mayors are on the front lines of protecting public health and this long overdue safeguard will reap tremendous benefits for our communities.

Mercury pollution, much of it coming from coal-fired power plants, represents a particularly widespread threat to families nationwide. According to your agency's own analysis, as of 2010, all 50 states have fish consumption advisories in place to warn residents of the potential health effects of eating fish caught from local waters. Of these advisories, 81% were issued in part because of mercury pollution accumulated within the aquatic food chain.

A dangerous neurotoxin, mercury poses a particular threat to pregnant women and small children. Exposure affects a developing child's ability to walk, talk, read, write and learn. The Center for Disease Control, along with your agency, estimate that as many as 1 in 6 women of childbearing age have high enough mercury levels in their blood to harm a developing fetus. Additionally, this rule will reduce exposure to a host of other health-threatening toxics, including arsenic, cyanide, chromium and acid gases.

EPA's own regulatory impact review of the rule predicts it will save citizens as much as \$90 billion annually when fully implemented through lower health care costs. Each year, this translates into as many as 11,000 lives saved, 4,700 heart attacks and 130,000 asthma attacks prevented, and 5,700 hospital visits avoided.

Clean, healthy air and water are fundamental American rights and we are eager to work with your agency to ensure these historic protections are quickly implemented.

Respectfully,

David M. DelVecchio, Mayor

Keep down a great job -



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Citizen Information

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Committee: N/A Sub-Committee: N/A

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Secretary

February 29, 2012

Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Florida Governor Rick Scott recently shared your December 2, 2011, letter regarding expediting State Revolving Fund (SRF) projects. I value your comments and, in turn, I would like to highlight Florida's success in distributing funding, spurring local economies and helping communities build essential environmental projects.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has six open capitalization grants associated with its Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF programs, including the two large American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grants awarded in 2009 and the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 awards, made available late last year. These awards total \$382.1 million, of which \$311.1 million (81.4 percent) already has been spent by local governments and drawn down from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Given that the earliest award date for any of these capitalization grants is April 2009, and that typical infrastructure projects take three to five years, having less than 19 percent of those dollars unspent after less than three years represents significant success. Florida's record in distributing SRF funds compares favorably with any other state.

With respect to federal FY 2012, DEP is drafting the Intended Use Plans and capitalization grant applications for both SRF programs. All of that documentation will be sent to EPA by March 1, 2012. The applications will be prepared based on last year's funding, as recommended by EPA Region 4, and we will continue to work closely with Region 4 staff to assure the smoothest process moving forward.

DEP has always awarded SRF loans timely based on the availability of funds and the readiness of priority projects to move forward. We have also maintained a priority list of waiting projects so that whenever new funds become available they will not sit idle. Unfortunately, the state of the economy over the last several years has made many local

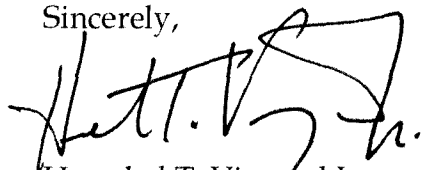
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governments unwilling to take on additional debt and to suspend even the planning and design of projects, which has depleted Florida's list of waiting projects. We work with local governments across Florida every day to encourage their participation.

Florida is committed to running the most effective, efficient SRF programs in the nation. We recognize the virtues of building a sustainable environmental infrastructure. If you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at (850) 245-2011 or Mark Thomasson, P.E., Director of DEP's Division of Water Resource Management, at (850) 245-8335.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.
Secretary

cc: Jeff Littlejohn, P.E., Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, DEP
Mark Thomasson, P.E., Director, Division of Water Resource Management, DEP



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February 28, 2012

Lisa P. Jackson, Director
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Dear Director Jackson,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for the Princeton Environmental Group's bid to compete in the City of Cleveland to develop and construct the Cleveland Recycling and Energy Generation Center (CREG).

I strongly feel that the Princeton Environmental Group's bid will benefit every man, woman, and child in the Cleveland area. This innovative facility would enhance the city's recycling, reduce its reliance on landfills, and utilize municipal waste to generate cheaper, cleaner power Northeastern Ohio residents. The project would also stimulate greater economic development, job creation, waste management, and reduced consumer costs. This includes the creation of over 400 construction and 120 operating jobs and a long-term waste management solution that will directly benefit the city and surrounding communities.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this matter and would be happy to discuss it with you further, should you desire it. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas F. Patton".

Thomas F. Patton
Majority Floor Leader
24th Senate District

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Dompok, Bernard Giluk

Organization: Malaysian Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities

Address: No. 15, Aras 13, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 2, Pusat Pentadb, 62654

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Alternate Number: N/A

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Closed Date: N/A

Due Date: Mar 23, 2012

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Letter Date: Feb 20, 2012

Received Date: Mar 8, 2012

Addressee: AD-Administrator

Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: AD-Administrator

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File - Notice of Data Availability Concerning Renewable Fuels Produced From Palm Oil Under The Renewable Fuel Standard Program

Instructions: AD-Prepare draft response for the Administrator's signature

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

OITA - Office of International and Tribal Affairs

OP - Office of Policy

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Author: N/A

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20 February 2012

H.E. Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Ms. Lisa

**NOTICE OF DATA AVAILABILITY CONCERNING RENEWABLE
FUELS PRODUCED FROM PALM OIL UNDER THE RENEWABLE
FUELS STANDARD PROGRAM**

I refer to the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Regulatory Announcement on Notice of Data Availability concerning renewable fuels produced from palm oil under the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) Program on 15 December 2011.

2. Malaysia views with concern on EPA's analysis on the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction savings on biodiesel and renewable diesel produced from palm oil at 17% and 11% respectively. In this context, studies undertaken by the Malaysian Palm Oil Board shows that palm based biodiesel without indirect land use change (ILUC) calculation has a minimum GHG emission savings of 50% (without biogas trapping) and 70% (with biogas trapping).

3. In addition, the calculations for emissions from ILUC used in RFS are questionable. ILUC models give very inconsistent results as shown by studies done and commissioned by the European Commission in relation to its EU Directive on the Promotion of the Use of Energy from Renewable Sources. The EU has thus to-date, refrained the inclusion of ILUC in its computations of similar GHG emissions. In addition, US biofuel policies such as those outlined under RFS may be duplicated by other countries including the issue of ILUC. These may pose barriers for exports of palm based biodiesel.

4. Malaysia will be submitting the relevant data to the EPA to further justify the GHG emission savings from renewable fuels produced from palm oil before 27 March 2012. In addition, we will also discuss with the industry in Malaysia on the possibility of submitting industry's perspective on this issue.

5. The oil palm industry is an important pillar in the nation's economy and has contributed immensely towards raising the income levels of the rural population. This industry is guided by a number of laws and regulations to ensure sustainable development and minimal impact to the environment. Malaysia has to-date retained 56.4% of the total land are under forest cover, which is in line with our commitment made at the Rio Summit in 1992 and further reiterated at the Fifteenth Conference of Parties, United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen in 2009.

I sincerely hope that the EPA will factor in our submission and consider favourably the request to review GHG emission savings from renewable fuels produced from palm oil.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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c.c.

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Correspondence Management System

Control Number: AX-12-000-6416

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Logomasini, Angela

Organization: Competitive Enterprise Institute

Address: 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-6416

Alternate Number: N/A

Status: Pending

Closed Date: N/A

Due Date: Apr 25, 2012

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Letter Date: Apr 2, 2012

Received Date: Apr 10, 2012

Addressee: AD-Administrator

Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: DX-Direct Reply

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_b Controlled and Major Corr. Record copy of the offices of Division Directors and other personnel.

Subject: Daily Reading File - Concern regarding EPA's proposed cancellation of several rodenticides that serve as important tools in fighting dangerous rodent infestations in homes around the nation

Instructions: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OCHP - Office of Children's Health Protection
OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
R3 - Region 3 - Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
(b) (6) Personal Privacy	OEX	OCSP	Apr 10, 2012	Apr 25, 2012	N/A
Instruction: DX-Respond directly to this citizen's questions, statements, or concerns					

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

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April 2, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
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Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson,


I am writing to express my concern regarding EPA's proposed cancellation of several rodenticides that serve as important tools in fighting dangerous rodent infestations in homes around the nation. I am a senior fellow at The Competitive Enterprise Institute, which is a 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on public policy research, including research on pesticide regulation.

When used according to label directions, the risks associated with these products are relatively low and manageable. Meanwhile the health risks posed by rodents are a significant threat to children and families, particularly in low-income, minority communities and many city schools.

Rats are a common problem for poor, urban minority children according to Dr. Pamela Nagami, author of the book *Bitten: True Medical Stories of Bites and Stings*. Doctors in a Los Angeles Hospital, she reports, tallied the number of rat bites they treated over a three-year period and found that all the patients were either Hispanic or African-American. Nagami says that rats, which are carriers of more than 70 diseases, commonly bite the faces and hands of children under 5 years old while these kids are asleep in their homes. Denying these Americans access to the best tools (at affordable prices) for rodent control is simply unfair.

The EPA's proposal to cancel uses of 20 products is an extreme approach, one that belies the risks associated with the pests these products are designed to manage. Given the rapid breeding rates of rodents, homeowners need quick and affordable access to highly effective products. This is particularly true in low-income, urban communities where older, less maintained buildings contain more crevices and entry points for pests. Canceling valuable rodenticides will simply deprive individuals of pest control options and could significantly exacerbate dangerous pest problems.

Sincerely,


Angela Logomasini, Ph.D.

Senior Fellow

Competitive Enterprise Institute

CC: Jim Jones, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, USEPA Headquarters.



Correspondence Management System

Control Number: AX-12-000-6424

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Furst, Charles

Organization: Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association
Address: PO Box 221, Solebury, PA 18963

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-6424 Alternate Number: N/A
Status: Pending Closed Date: N/A
Due Date: Apr 25, 2012 # of Extensions: 0
Letter Date: Apr 2, 2012 Received Date: Apr 10, 2012
Addressee: AD-Administrator Addressee Org: EPA
Contact Type: LTR (Letter) Priority Code: Normal
Signature: AA-OAR-Assistant Administrator Signature Date: N/A
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File Code: 404-141-02-01_141_a(2) Copy of Controlled and Major Correspondence Record of the EPA Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File - Urge EPA to strengthen the new source carbon pollution standard and implement a strong rule to limit carbon pollution from existing sources

Instructions: AA-OAR-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OAR

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
R3 - Region 3 - Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

Assigner	Office	Assignee	Assigned Date	Due Date	Complete Date
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Instruction: AA-OAR-Prepare draft response for signature by the Assistant Administrator for OAR					

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

Supporting Assignments:

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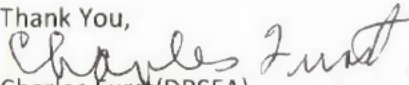
Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing on behalf of the Delaware River Shad Fishermen's Association (DRSFA). We are a 600 member conservation group working to preserve, protect and restore migratory fish to the Delaware River and its tributaries. We strongly support the most vigorous regulations on green house gas emissions affecting climate change. Furthermore we believe regulating greenhouse gas pollution from power plants to mitigate the disastrous impacts of climate change is one of the most urgent matters before the EPA. But the proposed new source rule for greenhouse gas pollution, while symbolically important, falls far short of what is needed. It is clearly weak in many respects including the following:

- 1) It doesn't change the facts on the ground but merely codifies them -- construction of new coal plants has already been halted by the hard work of community and environmental activists along with the rising cost of coal and low natural gas prices.
- 2) It contains massive loopholes including the exemption for biomass, the one year grace period for new plants that will be exempt from the rules, and allowing new coal plants to pollute for ten years if they plan to install CCS.
- 3) The carbon pollution limit for new power plants - 1,000 pounds of CO2 per megawatt hour of energy produced -- is low enough to limit new coal fired power plants, but high enough not to affect natural gas plants.

Don't bow to pressure from climate denying extremists or fossil fuel propagandists who are a literal threat to our future survival. We urge you to strengthen the new source carbon pollution standard and immediately implement a strong rule to limit carbon pollution from existing sources. No matter how extreme and anti-science the political climate, nothing less than bold action is required to fight climate change, one of the most urgent challenges facing us as a nation and a planet.

Thank You,


Charles Furst (DRSFA)

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Solebury, Pa 18963



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Franks, Mark

Organization: Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association

Address: 525 West Fifth Street, Covington, KY 41011

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

Control Number: AX-12-000-6483

Alternate Number: N/A

Status: For Your Information

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Letter Date: Apr 4, 2012

Received Date: Apr 10, 2012

Addressee: AD-Administrator

Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required

Signature Date: N/A

File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy

Subject: Daily Reading File-Opotion to Anticoagulants in rodenticide bait products to professional pest control operators

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

R4 - Region 4 -- Immediate Office

R5 - Region 5 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Author: N/A

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April 4, 2012

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Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of the owners of 69,375 apartment homes who are members of the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Apartment Association, I am writing to oppose the rule you are proposing to limit the use of second generation anticoagulants in rodenticide bait products to professional pest control operators. In the article "Rodenticide Products for Consumers," provided on your website, all rodenticides will be sold in tamper proof containers to meet the new risk reduction goals. Therefore there needs to be some provision for a maintenance technician at an apartment community to properly place these products in apartments and others buildings as deemed necessary to control rodents.

The importance for maintenance staff to quickly and effectively respond to the presence of rats or mice in apartment homes and other buildings in the community should be recognized in maintaining the directive of the Fair Housing law which requires the provision of clean and sanitary premise for the resident. For the maintenance staff to lose the ability to use second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides that are currently readily available for purchase in hardware stores will not only increase the risk to the resident, but also drive up costs to resolve a problem that is being handled in a safe and reasonable manner. To require calling on a professional pest control provider will drive up the cost in a burdensome manner in providing sanitary housing to our residents.

Our industry, now more than ever, is called upon to keep housing as affordable as possible. Every time unnecessary regulation is implemented there is a cost. The cost is ultimately passed on to the resident. This impacts all residents, but particularly those in affordable housing which makes up about a third of the rental units in our association. The impact on these residents is especially hard as the implementation of the rule

would cause the cost of rodent control would be greatly increased and the prevention of the problem not as efficient increasing the risk to the resident.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the EPA reconsider the proposal to limit the sale and use of low cost, safe and effective rodenticides to professional pest control operators.

Sincerely,



Mark Franks
Executive Vice President

MF/vg

cc: The Honorable Mitch McConnell, United States Senate
The Honorable Rand Paul, United States Senate
The Honorable Geoff Davis, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Jim Jones
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