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Specific Environmental Issue		Recommendation for a certain type of diesel to be used in the U.S.
	5/26/2010	Concern about how coal plants are utilizing their coal ash (i.e. Southern Company said they used it to help build roads- is this safe?).
	5/25/2010	Would the EPA like to see an idea on saving energy through an efficient use of CFLs?
		Does the EPA measure the concentrations of the dispersant compounds that are applied?
		Request for access to the Hobet 45 permit paper work.
		Recommendation to start using ethanol fuel instead of gasoline. Using ethanol to its full potential will produce economic and environmental improvements. Combined Heat and Power enables ethanol production to achieve a negative carbon footprint. Suggestion to utilize Closed Loop technology in the ethanol industry. By combining ethanol from Brazil, Mexico, and domestic production, in the next 10 years we could substitute a significant volume of gasoline used in the transportation sector with cleaner burning ethanol.
	3/29/2010	Help Berkeley County, WV: Continental Brick is trying to strip mine a side of North Mountain.
		Project proposal for "Kids For Save Electric Power," regarding education, environmental protection, and energy departments.
	2/11/2010	EPA is not monitoring and putting up the well results and soil samples from his township cleanup one the website. The offending company is Precision National Plating in Clarks Summit. He would like EPA to compare its file with what is posted on their website and would like a response.
		Request to forbid more toxic chemicals and Glyphostate because it will cause cancer. We need beets and cane sugar free from glyphostate to protect future generations.
		Suggestion to increase efforts in researching ways to conserve light, US is behind globally in this effort.
Local Concern		Home owner living in Duchesne, Utah is having severe issues with the engineering of a septic drain. After following the rules of the State and paying the necessary fees, the Utah County is saying it will cost thousands to replace the system. If the county and their engineers are not required by the state of Utah to back the systems they implement and protect their citizens then why are their fees and services required?
	4/13/2010	His/her city landfill will not allow people to pick up items for reuse. Does the EPA have any rulings concerning this?
		Complaint on the "beneficial use" clause on coal combustion waste. Bad repercussions of the bill. In Giles County, VA fly ash is being dumped on a river. Search on the Cumberland Park Project and you'll find my groups' web site and theirs. Can you do something about making coal utility companies responsible for their coal combustion waste?
		Requesting help on the issue of the North Preston Park Farms. The industrial livestock farms in Ohio are out of control with odor, dust, all night noise, and ammonia and pesticides coming onto other's properties. Hopes HSUS will help enforce regulations in Ohio.
		Complaint about CSX causing much disturbance and pollution in her area.
		She lives in La Canada Flintridge, where there is lots of pollution coming from the freeway and the port and would like the EPA to help protect their citizens.
	2/16/2010	Stop spending.
		Request for a moratorium to be implemented on drilling until more research can be done. Would like more regulation with drilling companies as it is ruining the land in PA.
	2/10/2010	What is the status of Yucca Mountain?
		Requesting an update on the EPA's show cause hearing in Gallup for dumping raw sewage into the Rio Puerco. Upset by EPA failing to complete a report or inspection over the last 2 years for the Gallup Waste Treatment Plant.
Appreciation		Good idea to openly distribute EPA's data!
	4/15/2010	Thinks EPA is doing a great job.
		Appreciates efforts on mountain top removal. It is good to remember that the health of our environment affects out health.
		Thanking EPA for a situation where the agency helped him solve a problem with his plant!
		Appreciation for EPA's grant for a Clean Diesel project.
EPA Web Site		Looking for online training for military MOS. Would like a course certificate from the EPA.
		Would EPA like to see a proposal on how to get their website as a top search engine site?

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	2/12/2010	Having trouble being permitted to sign up for commenting on the forum.
	2/10/2010	Request for TRI data to be posted online.
Collaboration	3/2/2010	Would like to develop a more collaborative relationship between the EPA, the Elkhart County Lead Program and Cleanup, and the
		Brownsfield Organization. Would like to strengthen the link to Region 5 and the Hispanic Community. Would like to know why there has
		been no funding for the Proposed Minority Funding Programs.
		Would like to share and learn about the latest developments in the environmental protection field.
	2/16/2010	S/he is doing an environmental project on the impacts of urbanization and industrialization on natural resources of water and would like to
		share ideas to achieve the goals of the project.
Communication & Outreach	4/7/2010	Request to interview someone on how EPA uses social media: How does your agency use digital media to connect with the American
		public? How has digital media changed the way that you engage with the public? Beyond the notice-and-comment procedure, do you use
		any digital media platforms to engage the public or solicit public input on policy decisions? Does this include any ways in which the public
		is actively involved in the construction of policy? Does your agency participate in a digital dialogue with the public? How do you achieve a
		balance between fostering public participation and being an effective and efficient regulator and policy-creator? Some of the questions
		that will be asked on behalf of the Center for Social Media include: What does impact mean to you? What tools are you using to measure
		impact? How do you know if you are being effective?
	2/22/2010	Recommendation for more attorneys to join the agency and for EPA to public broadcast their progress so the public can be more
		informed.
		Would like to know how the feedback to the forum works.
Transparency		Request for research and EPA general counsel calendars to be posted online.
		Request for a fact sheet of public hearings and dates.
Data - Information		Is the EPA offering more jobs in response to the oil spill?
	4/30/2010	Recommends using solar wind and hydro power to decrease toxic waste. There are good homes built in high tornado areas that wont fall
		down. Appreciates the open site.
		Student recently taken out of graduate school pursuing her PhD when the EPA cut funding, how can this be done?
		Where can s/he purchase renovate right pamphlets?
		Request for contact info for the lead of collaboration on the OpenGov Initiative.
		Request for a list of LRRP classes.
		Can the Government finance US entrepreneurs wanting to create renewable energy through solar systems and wind turbines?
		Who is the coordinator for the OpenGov Plan at EPA?
	2/23/2010	Expressing difficulty in receiving a response from the EPA regarding Environmental Justice concerns for his/her Federal Low Income
		Housing Tax Credit project called: Etowah Terrace Senior Apartments in Rome.
	2/21/2010	Would like suggestions on how to make their building more energy efficient and increase the use of solar power. Hopes the EPA is
		making an effort to promote solar power.
		Request help in understanding the proper procedures for filing an environmental justice complaint.
		Request for information on the EPA's standards for monitoring the waste of trucks.
		What is the likelihood of the noise office being funded? Request for more attention to regulating noise levels.
		Plastic bags, Styrofoam and similar products should be used for road repair since they will stay in the landfill permanently.
	2/11/2010	Wanted to share a solution to the superfund site that will lower cost and create more jobs. EPA responded saying the agency is not
		interested in the information- would like to know why.
		Request for website to provide data for Environmental Justice analysis and for EPA to conduct an annual national pollution census.
		Request for an annual national pollution census.
	0/40/0040	Request for use of the EPA library at the MLK building in Cincinnati.