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To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA

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Subject Citizen Advisory Committee

Message Body

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Thank you so much for your leadership on the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. We all anxiously await the release of the Strategy Report coming out on Wednesday. We know the past year has been tumultuous and that the opinions about restoration vary widely (often wildly!), but we are ever hopeful that the path to restoration is clear and well defined through your thoughtful report.

We are writing because one of our major issues remains on the table and a group determined that the attached letter should be submitted to ensure the CAC remains at the forefront. Attached you will find our request for additional information and our encouragement to keep the Citizens a priority in your decision making. We were hopeful that the Committee would be able to comment formally on the document before its release and, now that the work of the GCERTF is nearly complete, we are uncertain the role the CAC will play.

Any thoughts and/or advice is always greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for all you do for the Gulf and our natural resources.

Sincerely,



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September 21, 2011

Administrator Lisa Jackson Chair, Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Environmental Protection Agency Washington, D.C.

Re: Citizen Advisory Committee

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of the thirty organizations listed below, we are writing to state our belief that it is imperative the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Task Force Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) be provided with a formal role in reviewing and commenting on the draft Gulf of Mexico Regional Ecosystem Restoration Strategy. We are just days out from the release of the Draft Strategy and the Task Force has yet to announce the members of the CAC. We all feel strongly it is critical that the CAC, which will be tasked with providing formal citizen involvement in implementing the final strategy, must be provided with a formal role in creating that strategy.

Accordingly, we call on the Task Force to quickly announce the members of the CAC and schedule a meeting of that group within the formal comment period set for the draft strategy. The Federal Register notice listed August 30, 2011 as the deadline to fill vacancies on this committee. The CAC should be provided with the opportunity to submit questions to the authors and an opportunity to state their concerns or proposed revisions to the strategy.

We firmly believe that unless the CAC is allowed this opportunity to participate in the formulation of the strategy, they will potentially lack the commitment needed for effective participation in implementing that strategy.

We appreciate the opportunity to present our ideas on the Task Force's CAC, and we welcome the opportunity to meet with you or Task Force members to discuss these recommendations or answer any questions. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Casi Callaway, Executive Director and Baykeeper, Mobile Baykeeper at 251-433-4229 or callaway@mobilebaykeeper.org

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the undersigned,

Cherri Foytlins

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John Lopez,

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UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION

Virginia State Legislative Board

Walter W. Yeatts, Director

September 29, 2011

President Barack H. Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20500

Re: Job Losses Due to EPA Electric Utility Regulations

Dear President Obama:

I am writing on behalf of United Transportation Union members in the Commonwealth of Virginia because we are concerned about railroad job losses resulting from proposed EPA regulations requiring the installation of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) at electric utility plants. We also are troubled by the recently issued Transport Rule for reducing utility emissions of Sulfer Dioxide (SO2) and Mono Nitrogen Oxides (NO & NO2).

The proposed Transport Rule's deadlines are unrealistic. Utilities in Virginia cannot reasonably be expected to retrofit their power plants by 2012. Nor will plants have time to retrofit scrubbers by the second phase deadline of January 1, 2014, just 26 months from now. For this reason, I'm respectfully asking that you instruct EPA to provide adequate time for compliance with this rule.

Providing additional time for compliance with EPA's MACT and Transport rules will increase the number of electrical generating units that are upgraded with retrofit controls, increasing construction jobs and reducing the number of railroad workers jobs that will be lost here in Virginia due to the decrease in domestic coal shipments.

This nation and the economically depressed areas of Southside and Southwest Virginia cannot afford the loss of thousands of good-paying union rail jobs when America's unemployment rate is 9% overall and a depressing 13% to as high as 19% in Southern Virginia and is not projected to decrease meaningfully even next year.

The proposed rule means hundreds of smaller and older coal-based generating units may not be able to achieve one or more of the MACT emission limits. If no corrective action is taken by EPA many of the job losses will occur in rural, economically-depressed areas that are already suffering from high unemployment. In many cases, the rail lines that serve these areas will be downgraded or even abandoned, hurting communities and small businesses that rely on rail service.

Several studies have identified a range of estimates of the plant closures at risk. Staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission suggests that as many as \$1,000 megawatts of capacity could be shutdown, or one-quarter of the nation's coal generating fleet. A United Mine Worker analysis reports that 54,000 direct jobs and more than 250,000 total jobs related to utility, mining and railroads will be at risk.

I respectfully request that you use your authority under the Clean Air Act to provide at least a two-year extension of the three-year compliance deadline for MACT. This will provide the time necessary to install controls at more than 1,000 electrical units impacted by the proposed rule. This lead time is essential to retrofit scrubbers and other controls at power plants.

Finally, we are concerned that EPA lacks sufficient time to respond to the issues raised by comments on the proposed MACT rule. The MACT rule is the most expensive utility rule ever proposed by EPA, and the agency should ask the court for additional time to develop a final rule.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

W. Heath

Yours truly,

Walter W. Yeatts

Virginia Legislative Director United Transportation Union

Cc: Honorable William M. Daley, Chief of Staff Honorable Stephen Chu, Secretary, USDOE

✓ Honorable Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, USEPA

Honorable Cass R. Sunstein, IRA, OMB

Senator Jim Webb - Virginia

Senator Mark Warner - Virginia

Representative Robert C. Scott – Virginia (3rd)

Representative James P. Moran – Virginia (8th)

Representative Gerald E. Connolly – Virginia – (11th)

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DAILY READING FILE



The Office of the Mayor

Jay Dean Mayor

September 27, 2011

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's soon to be final regulation for utility maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards for hazardous air pollutants. As the Mayor of Longview, Texas, I strongly urge the Administration to utilize all of the flexibility tools it has available under the Clean Air Act and to provide utilities with greater compliance flexibility.

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As you know, EPA is required to finalize the Utility MACT by November 16. I am concerned that the final rule, unless it is modified, could negatively impact Longview and my constituents at a time when we are making every effort possible to create new jobs and restore economic growth. These facilities will be required to be in compliance with the new standards within three years of the rule's effective date, which is impractical, resulting in premature plant closures and unnecessary rate hikes to our citizens.

I believe EPA's proposed three-year implementation schedule is too short and does not adequately take into account the unprecedented number of controls that will need to be installed in our region and across the country, at nearly the same time. EPA can and should extend the compliance deadline for one additional year for all units that are installing new pollution control equipment; that are being replaced or repowered; or whose closure requires expanded transmission capacity for reliability purposes. Such an extension would give utilities more flexibility and would be in fine with Executive Order 13563 that states regulations "must promote predictability and reduce uncertainty."

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Your Administration has many available tools under the CAA when implementing the Utility MACT and we encourage you to use them all, including, in appropriate circumstances, the Presidential exemption provisions. I hope that you will agree that additional implementation flexibility will improve the rule and will minimize the compliance costs for customers, reduce regulatory uncertainty, and help to protect electric reliability, while still achieving the desired emissions reductions.

Thank you for your personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jay Dean Mayor

City of Longview, Texas

cc: The Honorable Lisa Jackson

The Honorable Cass R. Sunstein



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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

Stephen D. Mull Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Oct 2-5	2nd Meeting of the Sub-Group on Media Exchanges under the U.SRussia Bilateral Presidential Commission's Working on Education, Culture, Sports and Media, Moscow
Oct 3-28	UNGA First (Disarmament and International Security) Committee, New York
Oct 3-7	Visit of Secretary of Defense Panetta to Israel, Egypt and Belgium
Oct 5-6	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Defense Ministers Meeting, Brussels
Oct 5-6	4th Pathways to Prosperity Ministerial Meeting, Santo Domingo
Oct 5-7	The Americas Competitiveness Forum, Santo Domingo
Oct 5*	Visit of President Lobo of Honduras to Washington
Oct 5-7*	Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) Biennial U.SAfrica Business Summit, Washington
Oct 5	Visit of Secretary of State Clinton to the Dominican Republic
Oct 7*	Visit of Prime Minister Essebsi of Tunisia to Washington
Oct 9	Parliamentary Elections in Poland

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Oct 9	Presidential Elections in Cameroon
Oct 9-13	ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crimes (AMMTC), Bali
Oct 10-11	Summit on the Global Agenda 2011, Abu Dhabi
Oct 10-11	International Forum for a Nuclear-Free World, Astana
Oct 11	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Liberia
Oct 11*	Visit of Prime Minister Luksic of Montenegro to Washington
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Oct 12-13	Ad Hoc East Asia Summit Senior Officials Meetings, Bali
Oct 13*	U.SIndia Higher Education Summit, Washington
Oct 13*	Visit of President Lee Myung-Bak for the Republic of Korea to Washington
Oct 13-14	Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy, Limassol, Cyprus
Oct 14-15	G-20 Finance Ministerial, Paris
Oct 16-17	APEC Workshop on Terrorist Abuse of Non-Profit Organizations, Kuala Lumpur
Oct 17-18	International Congress on Energy Security, Geneva
Oct 17-21	IAEA: International Conference on the Safe and Secure Transport of Radioactive Materials, Vienna
Oct 17-20	7th UNESCO Youth Forum, Paris

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Oct 18-22	ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Retreat, Bali
Oct 18-19	International Energy Agency (IEA) Governing Board and Management Committee Ministerial-Level Meeting, Paris
Oct 20*	Visit of Prime Minister Stoltenberg of Norway to Washington
Oct 21-23	World Economic Forum on the Middle East, Dead Sea, Jordan
Oct 23	Presidential Elections in Bulgaria
Oct 23	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Argentina
Oct 24-28	International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom World 2011, Geneva
Oct 27	Presidential Elections in Ireland
Oct 27*	Visit of Prime Minister Necas of Czech Republic to Washington
Oct 27-28	123rd Session of the Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy, Nuclear Energy Agency, Paris
Oct 30	Presidential Elections in Kyrgyzstan
Oct 31*	U.SIndonesia Higher Education Summit, Washington
Nov TBD*	U.SIsrael Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Nov 1-2	London International Cyber Conference, London
Nov 2	Regional Summit on Afghanistan, Istanbul
Nov 3-4	G-20 Summit, Cannes

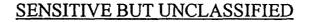
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Nov 5-6	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Nicaragua
Nov 5-6	Presidential Elections in Guatemala-2nd Round
Nov 7-9	APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) IV, Honolulu
Nov 8-9	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Concluding Senior Officials Meeting and Related Meetings, Honolulu
Nov 9*	U.SVietnam Human Rights Dialogue, Washington
Nov 10	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial, Honolulu
Nov 10-11	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit, Honolulu
Nov 10-11	17th Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Addu City
Nov 11	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 12-13	19th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 12	Parliamentary Elections in Denmark
Nov 13-15	India Economic Summit, Mumbai
Nov 13	North American Leaders Summit (NALS), Honolulu
Nov 14-18	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Conference on Research Reactors, Rabat
Nov 14-18	International Education Week

Nov 14 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Guyana
Nov 15-19	Visit of President Obama to Australia to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the U.SAustralia Alliance and Indonesia for the East Asia Summit
Nov 17-18	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Nov 17-19	ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings, Bali
Nov 17-18	2011 Black Sea Energy and Economic Forum, Istanbul
Nov 17	Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia, New York
Nov 19	East Asia Summit (EAS) Meeting, Bali
Nov 20	Parliamentary Elections in Spain
Nov 21 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt
Nov 22	International Energy Forum (IEF) Executive Board Meeting, Riyadh
Nov 24	Presidential Elections in Gambia
Nov 25	Parliamentary Elections in Morocco
Nov 26	Parliamentary Elections in New Zealand
Nov 28 (T)	Presidential and Legislative Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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	Nov 28 - Dec 9	17th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the Parties (CMP 7) to the Kyoto Protocol, Durban
	Nov 29 - Dec 1	4th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan
	Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Croatia
	Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Russia
	Dec 5-22	Biological Weapons Convention 7th Review Conference, Geneva
	Dec 5	International Afghanistan Conference, Bonn
	Dec 6-7	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Vilnius
	Dec 7-8	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Foreign Ministers Meeting, Brussels
	Dec 9	Ministerial Conference on Internet Freedom, The Hague
	Dec 10	Presidential Inauguration in Argentina
	Dec 11 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Cote d'Ivoire
	Dec 12-19	World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference, Geneva
	Jan 16-19	5th World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi
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Jan 23 - Feb 17 World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12), Geneva

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Jan 25-29	World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos-Klosters
Feb 3-5	48th Munich Security Conference, Munich
Feb 5	Presidential Elections in Finland-2nd Round
Feb 12	Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan
Feb 26	Presidential Elections in Senegal
Feb 27-28	Mobile World Conference, Barcelona
Mar TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt
Mar 4	Presidential Elections in Russia
Mar 5-9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Mar 10-11	Legislative Elections in El Salvador
Mar 12-17	6th World Water Forum, Marseille
Mar 12-14	International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting, Kuwait City
Mar 26-27	2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul
Mar 29	Parliamentary Elections in Iraq
Apr 14-15	6th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena
Apr 22	Presidential Elections in France-1st Round
May 6	Presidential Elections in France-2nd Round

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May 15-22	NATO/G-8 Summits, Chicago			
May 16	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic			
May 18-19	2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London			
May 20	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic			
May 31 - Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha			
Jun 4-6	UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro			
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 10	Legislative Elections in France-1st Round			
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2nd Round			
Jul 1	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico			
Jul 8-10	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba			
Jul 21-25 (T)	19th Annual ASEAN Regional Forum, Phnom Penh			
Jul 27 - Aug 12	XXX Summer Olympic Games, London			
Aug 14	Presidential Elections in Kenya-1st Round			
Aug 29 - Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London			

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Sep 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Sep 17-21	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna
Oct 8	Legislative Elections in Slovenia
Oct 28	Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine
Nov 18-20 (T)	21st Annual ASEAN Summit, Phnom Penh
Nov 29-30	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES

SUBJECT: Procedures for Processing Visa Requests for Travel to Syria

In order to facilitate the issuance of Syrian visas to official U.S. government travelers, all visa requests must be submitted through the Office of Egypt and Levant Affairs (NEA/ELA) at the Department of State.

To fulfill this request, beginning immediately, all prospective U.S. government travelers to Syria should e-mail the Department of State Syria desk at NEA-Syria-DL@state.gov – providing their full name, title and organization, dates of proposed travel, and reason for travel – prior to submitting their visa applications to the Embassy of Syria. After confirmation is received from the Department of State Syria desk that the information has been conveyed to the Embassy of Syria, official travelers may submit their passports and applications to the Syrian embassy for processing. If an applicant's purpose of travel is overcome by events or timing after submission, the Department of State Syria desk should be notified immediately at NEA-Syria-DL@state.gov so that the application may be retracted.

The Department of State Syria desk cannot guarantee the issuance of a visa, but will be in a better position to assist official travelers with timely visa issuance if the above procedures are followed. Additionally, as always, all official travelers must be granted country clearance by U.S. Embassy Damascus in advance of their travel to Syria.

uStephen D. Mull

Executive Secretary

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List of addresses.



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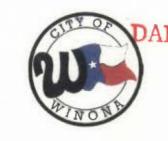
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President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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Your Administration has many available tools under the CAA when implementing the Utility MACT and we encourage you to use them all, including, in appropriate circumstances, the Presidential exemption provisions. I hope that you will agree that additional implementation flexibility will improve the rule and will minimize the compliance costs for customers, reduce regulatory uncertainty, and help to protect electric reliability, while still achieving the desired emissions reductions.

Thank you for your personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

cc:

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
The Honorable Cass R. Sunstein



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Subject: Daily Reading File- The Commission will be requesting that the Environmental Protection

Agency provide information on both fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011 activities in a 2012 data call. We ask that you distribute this notice to all appropriate persons within your agency.

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

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MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Mail Code 1101A 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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28 September 2011 OFFICE SECRETARIAT

Dear Ms Jackson:

In 2010 the Marine Mammal Commission reinitiated its annual Survey of Federally Funded Marine Mammal Research and Conservation. The results of the Survey will be a valuable resource for federal agencies as they plan their research and management strategies, work to avoid duplication of effort, and strive to identify opportunities for partnering and sharing data with other agencies. The Survey will provide a basis for a more cost-effective and coherent national strategy for studying and conserving marine mammals and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

The Commission is grateful for the Environmental Protection Agency's response to the Survey regarding fiscal year 2009 marine mammal conservation and research expenditures. We are in the final stages of drafting a report on the results from the Survey, with 10 department-level responders providing information on more than 400 research projects or programs and approximately \$155M in funding for fiscal year 2009. Once we have finalized the analyses of these data we will provide you with a copy of the report.

The Commission is revising the online survey entry form based on user feedback. To give us time to successfully complete this process, we are postponing the upcoming call for fiscal year 2010 data until next year. As a result, the Commission will be requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency provide information on both fiscal year 2010 and fiscal year 2011 activities in a 2012 data call. We ask that you distribute this notice to all appropriate persons within your agency. Please direct them to contact the Commission (Dr. Samantha Simmons at ssimmons@mmc.gov or Ms. Mina Innes at minnes@mmc.gov) should they have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in distributing this notice and for your agency's assistance with compiling the requested information.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Ragen, Ph.D.

Executive Director



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Subject: Daily Reading File-Job losses due to EPA Electric Utility Regulations

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CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

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September 27, 2011

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Re: Job Losses Due to EPA Electric Utility Regulations

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Dear President Obama:

I am writing on behalf of United Transportation Union members in Maryland because we are concerned about railroad job losses resulting from proposed EPA regulations requiring the installation of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) at electric utility plants. We also are troubled by the recently issued Transport Rule for reducing utility emissions of NOx and SO2.

The proposed Transport Rule's deadlines are unrealistic. Utilities cannot reasonably be expected to retrofit their power plants by 2012. Nor will plants have time to retrofit scrubbers by the second phase deadline of January 1, 2014, just 26 months from now. For this reason, I'm respectfully asking that you instruct EPA to provide adequate time for compliance with this rule.

Providing additional time for compliance with EPA's MACT and Transport rules will increase the number of electrical generating units that are upgraded with retrofit controls, increasing construction jobs and reducing the number of railroad workers that will be lost.

This nation cannot afford the loss of thousands of good-paying union rail jobs when America's unemployment rate is 9% and is not projected to decrease meaningfully even next year.

The proposed rule means hundreds of smaller and older coal-based generating units may not be able to achieve one or more of the MACT emission limits. If no corrective action is taken by EPA many of the job losses will occur in rural, economically-depressed areas that are already suffering from high unemployment. In many cases, the rail lines that serve these areas will be downgraded or even abandoned, hurting communities and businesses that rely on rail service.

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September 20, 2011

The Honorable Martin O'Malley Governor – State of Maryland State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor O'Malley,

As the Maryland State Legislative Director for the United Transportation Union (UTU) I am writing to ask for your support in our effort to delay the impact of the EPA's proposed rule establishing complex new emission control requirements for hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from coal and oil-fired power plants. If these proposed rules are placed in effect as scheduled they will impose substantial costs on private industry and the State of Maryland.

The proposed rules in question were published in the Federal Register on May 3, 2011 with the comment period running until August 4, 2011. The EPA received a substantial volume of public comments identifying a broad array of serious concerns, technical errors and other issues with the proposed rule. Yet, they indicate they anticipate addressing the volumes of information and issuing a final rule by November 16, 2011.

The proposed regulations will have devastating effects on coal-fired power plants. Many of those plants are serviced by our members who are employed by the railroads. Forty percent of all freight rail cars in America are coal cars and more than twenty percent of all freight rail jobs depend on coal

If the proposed rules go into effect the country could lose sixty gigawatt of electrical energy production which is substantial considering America produces about

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300 gigawatt of electrical energy production now from coal. And Maryland receives sixty two percent of its electricity from coal and oil-fired power plants. In addition there are more rules coming, besides these, that may make it impossible to build coal-fired power plants in the future.

UTU certainly supports cleaning up existing coal-fired plants and requiring new plants to be environmentally sound and we are actively pursuing funding for carbon capture and storage on the federal level. That being said existing plants need some time to comply with any new regulations and America needs an energy policy that supports investment in clean coal technology.

We are therefore requesting you to sign on to a letter drafted by Governor Beshear (D-KY) or issue a letter requesting the White House to direct the EPA to postpone the date for the final rule until mid-2012 to allow for adequate time to address the scores of technical comments and data it received, to evaluate the cumulative impacts of the additional rules it has imposed or plans to impose, and to conduct a full interagency review of the final rule.

Background information and a copy of Governor Beshear's draft letter are attached for your review.

Awaiting your reply,

HMM Lawrence E. Kasecamp

UTU-MD State Legislative Director

cc: Maryland Congressional Delegation Mike Futhey, UTU International President James Stem, UTU National Legislative Director UTU-MD Legislative Representatives

Background

- On May 3rd, EPA published in the *Federal Register* proposed standards for emissions of hazardous air pollutants for coal- and oil-fired power plants. *76 Fed. Reg. 24976* (May 3, 2011).
- EPA was required to issue the proposal pursuant to a consent decree in *American Nurses Assoc. v. EPA*, No. 1:08-cv-02198 (D.D.C.). That consent decree also currently requires EPA to issue a final rule by November 16, 2011. EPA is, however, entirely at liberty to request that the court grant the Agency more time to consider its regulatory options.
 - The Court unambiguously indicated that it would grant any EPA request for more time to finalize the rule beyond the November 16 date. EPA is therefore *not* bound by the November 16th date.
- The proposed rule would impose new standards for trace metals (such as mercury) and acid gases on approximately 1,350 coal- and oil-fired electric generating units ("EGUs") nationwide and revise the new source performance standards (NSPS) for fossil-fuel-fired EGUs for PM, sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen oxides (NOx).
- The proposal, originally released in pre-publication form on March 16th, includes thousands of pages of technical support documents and other background information. There are 19 separate Technical Support Documents and, in addition, nearly 500 pages of Regulatory Impact Analyses.
- Public review and comments by States and industry identified a multitude of critical problems with the proposed control requirements.
 - States and industry identified serious legal deficiencies with EPA's proposed rule, including clear violations of the Clean Air Act.
 - Technical comments identified significant flaws in EPA's scientific and technical analyses and demonstrated EPA is seeking to prevent vanishingly small risks at enormous costs.
 - Commenters also identified numerous power plants that would be forced to shut down prematurely if EPA's proposed rule were finalized.
- This complex proposal applies to every power plant in the country and is expected to require widespread installation of new emission control technologies at enormous cost. It is critical EPA take sufficient time to

review public comments in order to fully understand the proposed rule's negative economic and employment impacts, the burden implementation will place on state agencies, and the exceptionally limited public health benefits that can be achieved by further regulating HAP emissions from utilities.

State Responses to EPA's Proposal

States have addressed a number of issues in their responses to EPA's proposed rule. In particular, States focused on the likely adverse impacts on their economies, electric reliability and the resources of state permitting agencies.

Economic Impacts

- The proposal's stringent standards will require many EGUs to install
 expensive new emission control technologies. When the costs of these
 new controls become prohibitive, EGUs will be forced to shutdown
 prematurely. This outcome is especially likely when EPA's other current
 and pending rules for the power sector are taken into account.
- Power plants play a central role in regional economies, e.g., as a major source of jobs and as a significant contributor to the tax base. Some power plants also support various ancillary industrial operations, such as by providing process steam to light manufacturing facilities.
- The compliance period for the utility MACT rule is three years following its
 effective date. Within that timeframe, the forced shutdown of power plants
 for which new emission controls are not economically viable could
 significantly harm regional economies and, by extension, state economies
 as a whole.
- Additionally, in regulated electricity markets where new emission controls
 are installed, State Public Utilities Commissions will likely be asked to
 consider rate increases to allow utilities to recover the significant costs
 required by compliance with the rule. This will impose higher electricity
 rates on residents and businesses leading to further economic harms.

Reliability Impacts

 The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff recently estimated up to 81 gigawatts of existing generation - about 8 percent of total installed capacity - are 'likely' or 'very likely' to be retired as a consequence of recent proposed EPA rules. Even before the Utility MACT rule was proposed, companies began to retire plants and will continue to do so. As these

- announcements continue, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Electric Reliability Corporation and the Regional Transmission Organizations are advising that full-time power availability could be at risk.
- Installing new controls would require EGUs to go through permitting, design, and procurement procedures before going offline for installation. These procedures can take several years to complete. As a result, virtually no EGU would be able to install emission controls until the final year of the compliance period. If too many units go off line in the last year for equipment installation, the United States will face reliability concerns.

State Permitting Agency Impacts

- Should the utility MACT proposal go final, state permitting authorities will
 likely face an immediate wave of compliance extension requests and other
 permitting issues, given the rule's extremely tight three-year compliance
 window and the scale and scope of the compliance efforts envisioned.
- This would come on top of additional new burdens for state agencies as EPA proceeds with other current and pending rules focused on coal-fired EGUs, including strict new requirements for coal ash waste, cooling water intake structures, greenhouse gas emissions, limits on emissions that cross State lines, and National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone, SO₂ and NO_x.

Negligible Public Health and Environmental Benefits

- HAP emissions from electric utilities are exceptionally small and are only a
 minor contributor to the presence of such substances in the environment.
 As EPA itself acknowledges, emissions of mercury, the most important
 HAP emitted by EGUs, continue to decline. Indeed, EPA had estimated
 that EGU mercury emissions amounted to 53 tons for 2005. When
 presented with actual measurement data, however, the Agency was
 forced to acknowledge that EGUs accounted for only 29 tons during that
 year, out of global emissions of in excess of 7,000 tons. 76 Fed. Reg. at
 25002.
- EPA's own assessment predicted HAP risks approaching or less than 1-in-1 million. That assessment is itself based on outdated and flawed science which significantly overstates HAP risks. Further assessment shows that health is already protected with an ample margin of safety even in the absence of EPA's new proposed controls.

Moreover, HAP emissions are already subject to pollution controls which
apply to numerous industry sources that are more significant emitters than
the electric utility industry. Further, many of the controls that utilities are or
will be required to put into place under various Clean Air Act programs will
also result in HAP emission reductions without the imposition of this
additional and unnecessary layer of regulation.

Governor	State	% of Electricity from Coal/Petroleum
Mike Beebe	Arkansas	44
John Hickenlooper	Colorado	67
Jack A. Markell	Delaware	70
Neil Abercrombie	Hawaii	16/75
Pat Quinn	Illinois	50
Steve Beshear	Kentucky	93
Martin O'Malley	Maryland	62
Mark Dayton	Minnesota	55
Jay Nixon	Missouri	80
Brian Schweitzer	Montana	70
Beverly Perdue	North Carolina	58
Earl Ray Tomblin	West Virginia	97

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President Barack Obama

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We request you direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw and re-propose its rule for hazardous air pollutants from coaland oil-fired power plants known as the Utility MACT rule. This action is urgently needed because the current November 16 promulgation date gives the Agency only approximately 90 days to prepare and draft its final rule. That is not enough time for EPA to responsibly address scores of technical comments and data it received from States and industries along with evaluating the cumulative impacts of additional requirements EPA has imposed, or plans to impose, on utilities. All the while, the Agency must conduct a full interagency review of the final preamble language.

EPA has already acknowledged the proposed Utility MACT rule will be one of the most expensive rules in the history of Clean Air Act —\$11 billion annually—and produce only marginal benefits from reductions in mercury emissions. Recent analyses have shown the proposed rule may well place millions of jobs at risk and increase the cost of power for working families, small businesses, farms, schools and hospitals—all for little benefit from hazardous air pollutant reductions.

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Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the National Electric Reliability Corporation and the Regional Transmission Organizations are advising that full-time power availability could be at risk.

In addition, we are concerned about the effects of other proposed and recently finalized EPA rules. These actions include: new rules on industrial boilers, new standards on cement manufacturers, new ozone standard that could double the number of counties in non-attainment, the Cross State Air Pollution Rule imposing significant controls and shutdowns as of January 1, 2012, federal greenhouse gas rules, new regulations for handling coal ash and cooling water intake structures.

While some of our States have fared better than others during these challenging economic times, these EPA actions will have the effect of erasing any such gains. This unprecedented series of regulatory programs will adversely affect our States' economies, budgets, and put at risk the reliability of the grid system itself.

We share your interest in protecting the health of all Americans and share the common objective of creating new jobs here in the U.S. and avoiding the job losses the Utility MACT and the other recent EPA proposals will precipitate. This can only be accomplished if EPA takes the necessary time to reconsider their proposals in light of the critical data they have now received. This task simply cannot be accomplished by the current Utility MACT promulgation date.

In the interest of American workers and the economies of our States, we urge you to act on this request to withdraw and re-propose the Utility MACT rule. Any new proposed rule must reflect all of the necessary information on how it will impact the economy and include a full and complete study of reliability that takes into account the additional regulatory hurdles EPA is considering placing before the power sector.

Very truly yours,



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September 30, 2011

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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you today regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's soon to be final regulation for utility maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards for hazardous air pollutants. As the mayor of Nashville, Arkansas I strongly urge the Administration to utilize all of the flexibility tools it has available under the Clean Air Act and to provide utilities with greater compliance flexibility.

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Thank you for your personal attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Billy Ray Jones Mayor City of Nashville, AR

cc: The Honorable Lisa Jackson

The Honorable Cass R. Sunstein



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Wilson, Ross

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Subject: Daily Reading File-Stay of the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule-Request for Reconsideration

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Re: Cross State Air Pollution Rule – Petition for Reconsideration Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0491

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) submits this letter in support of the August 23, 2011 Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) petition for reconsideration and request for stay of the Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR).

As indicated in SPS's petition, EPA chose to include Texas in the CSAPR year-round emission reduction programs without providing the public an opportunity to comment on that decision. Moreover, EPA is requiring SPS and other Texas utilities to comply with CSAPR beginning in 2012, a short five months after the rule was finalized. This requirement has significant consequences for our local economy and additional costs that will be incurred by our members.

SPS serves our local area, and about half its power generation comes from coal. As the SPS petition indicates, to comply with this rule by Jan. 1, 2012, SPS will be forced to reduce operation of its coal-fired power plants and rely significantly more on natural gas-fired electric generation. As a result, CSAPR will drive up electricity costs significantly. SPS demonstrates in its petition that the cost of increasing its reliance on natural gas plants could be up to \$200 to \$250 million in 2012 alone. It is energy consumers like the members of TCFA that ultimately pay this cost. We estimate that our members will experience as much as a 15% increase in their overall electricity bills as a result of this EPA rule.

More importantly, as described in the SPS petition, we are concerned that CSAPR could harm the reliability of the electric system. We and all the citizens of the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico rely on the SPS electric system for our livelihoods and well-being. Especially after the record temperatures we've experienced this year, we believe it is vital that EPA design CSAPR and all of its other rules to ensure that our region has access to reliable and affordable electricity.

For these reasons, we urge you to grant SPS's petition and stay CSAPR pending reconsideration of the rule.

Sincerely,

Ross Wilson

President & CEO



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

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Honorable Lisa P. Jackson Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The Department of Environmental Conservation is petitioning EPA to add n-propyl bromide (n-PB) to the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) regulated under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). In particular, DEC believes the evidence provided in the enclosed petition is more than sufficient to indicate that the potential emissions and associated ambient concentrations of n-PB meets the CAA Sections 112(b)(3)(A) and (B) criterion: "The Administrator shall add a substance to the HAP list upon showing by the petitioner or on the Administrator's own determination that the substance is an air pollutant and that emissions, ambient concentrations, bioaccumulation, or deposition of the substance are known to cause or may reasonably be anticipated to cause adverse effects to human health or adverse environmental effects." In accord with EPA's statutory criterion, we seek such an action.

Our petition summarizes the toxicological concerns associated with n-PB exposures, as well as the current and potential future n-PB usage and the exposure concerns. The high toxicity of n-PB includes adverse impacts on numerous different health and environmental end points.

We believe our petition sufficiently demonstrates the toxicity hazards and potential for elevated exposure that are likely to result in adverse public health effects if this air pollutant is not regulated under Section 112 of the CAA.

Our concern is heightened due to recent attempts to market solvents with n-PB content as an unregulated alternative dry-cleaning solvent for perchloroethylene (perc), since the latter is to be phased out of use by EPA requirements over the next decade. In addition, n-PB is being marketed as "organic," "green," "non-hazardous" and "environmentally friendly" in part due to the lack of toxicity designations that would indicate that n-PB is not the "benign" chemical it is claimed to be by the manufacturer of the solvent. Furthermore, the use of n-PB by various



industrial sectors is increasing and it is being used to replace ozone depleting chemicals or other chlorinated chemicals that are currently regulated as HAPs. For these reasons, DEC believes that the use of n-PB will likely increase substantially, especially by the dry-cleaning industry.

Please call me at (518) 402-8540 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

oseoh J. Martens

Enclosure



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Subject: Daily Reading File-Resolution by the Town Council of the Town of Boone, North Carolina. In

Support of Reducing Greenhouse Gas Pollution Under the Clean Air Act

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

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Lead Author: N/A

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Town of Boone

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RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BOONE, NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE DELIVERED TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ADMINISTRATOR, LISA P. JACKSON, IN SUPPORT OF REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT

WHEREAS, the decade from 2000 to 2010 was the warmest on record, and the years 2005 and 2010 tied for the hottest years on record; and

WHEREAS, the current level of carbon dioxide (hereafter, "CO₂") in the atmosphere is approximately 392 parts per million (hereafter "ppm"); and

WHEREAS, one of the world's leading climate scientists, Dr. James Hansen, stated in 2008, "If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to which life on Earth is adapted, paleo climate evidence and climate change suggest that CO₂ will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to at most 350 ppm;" and

WHEREAS, as early as the 1850s, scientists began predicting that greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels would eventually lead to the warming of the Earth's surface; and

WHEREAS, the current international pledges to address the climate crisis could result in levels of 770 ppm CO₂ by 2100, a concentration of CO₂ incompatible with human life as we know it; and

WHEREAS, ninety-seven percent of scientific experts are convinced that human activity is responsible for climate change and there is a growing consensus among researchers that reducing atmospheric concentrations of CO₂ to 350 ppm or below as soon as possible is needed to avoid risking catastrophic and irreversible climate change; and

WHEREAS, according to the Global Humanitarian Forum every year climate change seriously affects 325 million people and is responsible for some 300,000 deaths, and economic losses worldwide of \$125 billion; and

WHEREAS, climate change is threatening food security as crop growth and yields diminish, and droughts, floods and changes in snowpack depth disrupt water supplies; and

WHEREAS, scientists have concluded that by 2100 as many as one in ten species may be on the verge of extinction due to climate change with many animals and plants already losing their habitats and food sources, struggling to move poleward and upward to keep pace with our changing climate, shifting their timing of

breeding and migration patterns, and disappearing as populations die out; and

WHEREAS, the oceans have become thirty percent more acidic since the industrial revolution due to their uptake of CO₂, which is harming ocean life from shellfish to corals as they struggle to build the shells and skeletons they need to survive; and

WHEREAS, the world's ice is rapidly melting, threatening water supplies, raising sea levels, and jeopardizing ice-dependent animals like the polar bear and walrus so severely that Arctic summer sea ice is half the area and thickness it was several decades ago, alpine glaciers are in near-global retreat, and the giant Greenland and west Antarctic ice sheets are melting at an accelerating pace; and

WHEREAS, according to *Scientific American*, sea level is rising faster along the U.S. East Coast than it has for at least 2,000 years, and is accelerating in pace, threatening coastal wildlife and the forty percent of the world's population that lives within sixty miles of the coast; 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, with the Clean Air Act, air quality in this country has improved significantly since 1970, despite major growth both in our economy and industrial production; and

WHEREAS, between 1970 and 1990, the six main pollutants covered by the Clean Air Act — particulate matter and ground-level ozone (both of which contribute to smog and asthma), carbon monoxide, lead, sulfur and nitrogen oxides (the acid gases that cause acid rain) — were reduced by between 47 percent and 93 percent, and airborne lead was virtually eliminated; 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 vs. 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, the town of Boone, North Carolina, nestled in one of the most important ecosystems in the United States, wishes to be a leader in the fight against climate change and for clean air; and

WHEREAS, the Boone Town Council has concluded that climate change is not an abstract problem for the future or one that will only affect 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; and

WHEREAS, many rare wildlife species in the High Country, including the federally recognized

endangered Carolina Northern Flying Squirrel and the federally-designated species of concern, the Northern Saw-whet Owl, are found only in cool habitats at high elevations and are therefore threatened with extirpation from this area as the climate continues to warm; and

WHEREAS, many tree species that make up our local forests and provide the spectacular colors that bring thousands of visitors to our area every autumn can withstand neither the warmer climate nor the invasive organisms which thrive in higher temperatures, eventually leading to the decrease in species variety, the concomitant decreased variety of autumn foliage and less colorful vistas, and ultimately, a negative affect on tourism as the natural beauty of region is harmed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that and the Town Council of the Town of Boone, North Carolina, on behalf of the residents of Boone, do hereby urge President Barack Obama and Lisa P. Jackson, the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to move swiftly to fully employ and enforce the Clean Air Act to work to reduce carbon in our atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million, and to resist all attempts to weaken the Clean Air Act, despite the claims of some that effective environmental policy hampers economic activity, an assertion which the Boone Town Council rejects. The Council further directs that a certified copy of this resolution be directed by the Town Clerk to President Obama and Lisa P. Jackson.

Adopted this 18th day of October, 2011.

Loretta Clawson, Mayor

Attested to:

Freida Van Allen, Clerk
Town of Boons, North Carolina

Town of Boone, North Carolina





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Citizen Information

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

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Subject: DRF - Thank you to the Deputy Administrator for speaking about the partnership between the

EPA and Boys & Girls Club of America at the 2011 Congressional Breakfast

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Lead Author: N/A

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October 12, 2011

Mr. Bob Perciasepe
Deputy Administrator
Office of the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
USEPA Ariel Rios Building (AR)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Deputy Administrator Perciasepe:

Thank you for speaking about the partnership between the Environmental Protection Agency and Boys & Girls Clubs of America at our 2011 Congressional Breakfast. I know your schedule is very full and appreciate your commitment to this event and to our nation's youth. Your presence helped to make the Breakfast one of our best ever!

As you know, at this event we honor our Regional Youth of the Year finalists and announce our National Youth of the Year. We are so proud of these youth who, despite facing many obstacles, have developed sound character, leadership abilities, and the willingness to give back to their community.

Thanks again, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to positively impact the lives of our youth.

Warm regards,

Kevin McCartney

Senior Vice President

Government Relations



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Citizen Information

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

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Directors and other personnel.

Subject: Daily Reading File-I'm writing to request help in convening a small group of key stakeholders

in Northwest Indiana with representatives from several federal agencies.

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

Instruction Note: N/A
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-0050

Bob Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W. 1101A Washington, DC 20460 RECEIVED

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Dear Deputy Administrator Perciasepe,

I'm writing to request your help in convening a small group of key stakeholders in Northwest Indiana with representatives from several federal agencies. I've asked the Regional Administrator for HUD in the Midwest, Antonio R. Riley, to take a close look at Northwest Indiana and find some innovative ways that multiple federal agencies can best align resources with emerging regional goals and priorities. It's with that charge in mind that I ask for your commitment to send local staff to a small meeting Antonio plans to convene with the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority and the Metropolitan Planning Commission along with his counterparts at DOT-FTA, DOT-FAA, EPA, DOC-EDA, USACE, and DOJ. We would love to have Regional Administrator Headman participate.

If you're amenable to this, please let Regional Administrator Headman know and I'll have Regional Administrator Riley's Office reach out to them and set something up.

As always, I appreciate your help and look forward to working with my counterparts at other federal agencies to develop sustainable solutions for Northwest Indiana.

Sincerely,

Estelle Richman

Acting Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer

Estelle B. Richman

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



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Organization: George Washington University

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

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Subject: DRF - Nominations for the Arthur S. Flemming Award for Exceptional Federal Service

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Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

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Lead Author: N/A

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ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AWARD

FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Ms. Lisa Jackson Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

November 2, 2011

Dear Administrator Jackson:

We are writing to you personally to bring to your attention to the only federal government awards program that is administered entirely by the private sector, under the sponsorship of The George Washington University in Washington DC in partnership with the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission, and to applaud the career and achievements of the remarkable man for whom it is named.

The Arthur S. Flemming Award has been one of the most prestigious awards for service in the federal government ever since it was presented to six honorees for their outstanding achievements in 1948. There had been no public recognition of superior performance by younger federal employees until Dr. Arthur Sherwood Flemming proposed to the Downtown Jaycees in Washington DC in 1948 that they should find a way to recognize excellence in the public service of individuals who had yet to reach their 40th birthday. The Jaycees responded to the challenge and the Flemming Award has been presented every year since 1948 (except for 1996, out of respect for Dr. Flemming's passing, at the age of 91). Since 1997, The George Washington University has been the home of the awards program.

Dr. Flemming was the quintessential public servant. He served every president from Roosevelt to Clinton, who bestowed upon him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994. He was still in his thirties when Roosevelt appointed him to the U.S. Civil Service Commission. More than 60 years later, when he died in September 1996, he was chairman of the Citizen's Commission on Civil Rights, co-chair of the S.O.S. (Save our Society) Coalition, and a member of the Commission on Aging. During his remarkable seven decade-long career as a public servant, among many important posts held, he was Eisenhower's Secretary of the Department of Health, Education & Welfare, from 1958 to 1961; a member of the International Civil Service Advisory Board under Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson, from 1950 to 1964; chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights during the Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations, from 1974 to 1982; and a commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Aging, from 1973 to 1978. It can be said without fear of contradiction that no other person has served this Nation so well and for so long as Arthur Flemming. His outstanding career embodied everything that the award bearing his name seeks to honor.

The Awards program has evolved over the past 60 years, as the federal government's activities have expanded, and adjustments have been made. For example, the award now recognizes achievement in five different categories; the under-40 age restriction has been replaced with a 15-year limitation on service; 12 awards are presented; and the program recognized the first women with the award in 1971. The distinguished roll of honorees includes several whose names have been in the public limelight: Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Paul Volcker, John Chancellor, Neil Armstrong, Mary Elizabeth Hanford (now Elizabeth Dole), Harrison Schmitt, Robert Gates, Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Francis Collins, and William Phillips (Nobel Prize laureate).

We urge you to bring this to the attention of those on your staff who are responsible for recognition of outstanding performance and encourage them to identify those who have excelled in their work. A nomination form is enclosed, and more information is available on our web site at http://flemming.gwu.edu, as well as by contacting Whitney King, Flemming Awards Coordinator, at (770) 595-4733 or wlking@gwmail.gwu.edu.

The Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission and The George Washington University eagerly await your nomination of those in your Agency who have gone the extra mile in the service of their country.

Yours sincerely,

Peter J. Williams, President

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Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission The Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration
THE TRACHTENBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. THE ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AWARDS COMMISSION



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: OIG, News

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Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

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"Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Information Security Management Act Report: Status of EPA's

Computer Security Program"

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

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

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OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
OEI - Office of Environmental Information - Immediate Office

OGC - Office of General Counsel -- Immediate Office

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

November 9, 2011

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Information Security Management Act Report:

Status of EPA S Computer Security Program

Report No. 12-P-0062

Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.
Inspector General FROM:

TO: Lisa P. Jackson

Administrator

Attached is the Office of Inspector General (OIG) Fiscal Year 2011 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Reporting Template, as prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). We performed this review in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. These standards require the team to plan and perform the review to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for the findings and conclusions based on the objectives of the review.

We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions, and in all material respects, meets the FISMA reporting requirements prescribed by OMB. In accordance with OMB reporting instructions, I am forwarding this report to you for submission, along with the Agency required information, to the Director of OMB.

The audit work performed during the FISMA review disclosed that the Agency needs to make significant improvements in the following programs: (1) Risk Management, (2) Plans of Action ☐ Milestones, and (3) Continuous Monitoring Management.

In addition, audit work during fiscal year 2011 noted significant weaknesses with several aspects of EPA information security program. Appendix A summarizes the results from these audit reports.



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Citizen Information

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

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Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File-Integrating the Social Sciences into Chesapeake Bay Restoration: A STAC

Workshop

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Integrating the Social Sciences into Chesapeake Bay Restoration



A Workshop Report Prepared by: Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

November, 2011



STAC Publication 11-05

About the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) provides scientific and technical guidance to the Chesapeake Bay Program on measures to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay. As an advisory committee, STAC reports periodically to the Implementation Committee and annually to the Executive Council. Since its creation in December 1984, STAC has worked to enhance scientific communication and outreach throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed and beyond. STAC provides scientific and technical advice in various ways, including (1) technical reports and papers, (2) discussion groups, (3) assistance in organizing merit reviews of CBP programs and projects, (4) technical conferences and workshops, and (5) service by STAC members on CBP subcommittees and workgroups. In addition, STAC has the mechanisms in place that will allow STAC to hold meetings, workshops, and reviews in rapid response to CBP subcommittee and workgroup requests for scientific and technical input. This will allow STAC to provide the CBP subcommittees and workgroups with information and support needed as specific issues arise while working towards meeting the goals outlined in the Chesapeake 2000 agreement. STAC also acts proactively to bring the most recent scientific information to the Bay Program and its partners. For additional information about STAC, please visit the STAC website at www.chesapeake.org/stac.

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Executive Summary

Among scientists and policymakers in the Chesapeake Bay region, there is increasing recognition that 1) human dimensions need to be better integrated into efforts to restore ecosystem functions, reduce pollution, and manage the sustainable use of natural resources, and 2) our understanding of the interactions of these human dimensions with restoration choices requires a combination of social science approaches. Increased population growth, expanding and contracting economic cycles, and a growing diversity of cultural and social groups generate complex social issues whose varied impacts on restoration strategies need to be analyzed and adaptively managed. To date, there has been little systematic assessment of these complex social issues and the resulting social science research needs and priorities, and the need for such an assessment is urgent.

On March 10, 2011, the Chesapeake Bay Program's (CBP) Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) organized a workshop for over 70 scientists (social and natural), resource managers, students, and policymakers in Annapolis, Maryland to identify opportunities for advancing the contributions of social science research to Chesapeake Bay restoration. Over the year prior to the workshop, a committee of social scientists within STAC worked to identify areas where social science research is already contributing to Chesapeake Bay restoration and areas where social science research is needed. The committee also completed interviews with CBP leaders to help determine where opportunities exist to integrate social science research into existing programs and policies, and also identify the constraints to such integration. This baseline research, some of which is described below, was used to develop the goals and objectives for the social science workshop.

The goals of the workshop were to:

- 1) Inform program managers of the different types of social science research available:
- 2) Initiate a dialogue between regional program managers and social scientists on needs and capacities; and
- 3) Develop concrete next steps to better integrate social science research into Chesapeake Bay restoration activities.

To accomplish these goals, the committee organized the workshop to include:

- 1) A presentation on the results from interviews with key informants from the CBP, which occurred during the year prior to the workshop, on the needs and constraints to integrating social science research in Bay restoration;
- 2) Panel discussions on a) social science and understanding individual behavior change and b) social science and understanding group, community and organization change;

- 3) Working groups to identify constraints, opportunities, and actions, including priorities for action; and
- 4) A summary panel on final thoughts.

The workshop agenda, including names of presenters, is attached as Appendix 1. This report begins with discussion of the results from key informant interviews, followed by abstracts of the presentations by social scientists focused on the themes of understanding individual behavior change and group, community and organization change. Key points for managers and stakeholders to consider are listed in these abstracts. Next, the topics discussed during the working groups are listed. The report then presents a summary panel's observations and insights on the challenges and next steps to better integrate social science research. Finally, the report concludes with a few overall key research and program recommendations the workshop steering committee feel are important for sustaining our initial efforts to integrate and support social science contributions to Bay management and restoration.

Key Informant Interview Results

Using methods from anthropology, steering committee members Michael Paolisso, UMD, Liz Van Dolah, UMD/CRC-STAC Staff, and Jim Pease, Virginia Tech, conducted interviews with 12 key informants from the CBP community. Key informants were selected to include senior level managers and scientists from the CBP's Management Board and six Goal Implementation Teams, each of which is charged with directing the policies and programs for meeting restoration goals. As such, the selected key informants included representation from state, federal, non-profit, and academic institutions as well as across the CBP's priority restoration goals: 1) sustain healthy fisheries, 2) protect and restore vital habitat, 3) protect and restore water quality, 4) maintain health watersheds, 5) foster Chesapeake stewardship, and 6) enhance partnership, leadership, and management. Interviews were guided by six open-ended questions that were used to promote a dialogue with key informants in order to elicit perceptions of social science research needs and applicability to Chesapeake Bay restoration goals. These questions were:

- 1) Date, name, current position/occupation?
- 2) How many years have you been involved in Chesapeake Bay restoration work?
- 3) Do you have examples of how social science research has played an important role in advancing Bay restoration? Do you have any examples that are not Chesapeake Bay related?
- 4) In your opinion, what Bay restoration priorities should be addressed from a social science perspective? Why is the social science perspective important?
- 5) What do you think are the constraints to generating and utilizing more social science research in Bay restoration efforts?



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

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Subject: Concern about newly-proposed EPA regulations that will negatively impact economy in

Alabama and the economy of the United States as a whole, specifically the Utility Maximum

Achievable Control Technology rule and the Clean Air Transport Rule

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MIKE HUBBARD Speaker of the House

November 2, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States of America The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

11 SOUTH UNION STREET MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130 334-242-7668





I am writing today to express my concern about newly-proposed EPA regulations that will negatively impact our economy here in Alabama and the economy of the United States as a whole, specifically the Utility MACT (Maximum Achievable Control Technology) rule and the CATR (Clean Air Transport Rule).

While we in Alabama have made job creation our top priority and have implemented numerous programs and incentives that have created jobs here, these proposed EPA rules will upend our efforts and cripple our economic recovery. According to a June 2011 study by the National Economic Research Associates, these two rules alone could lead to the loss of thousands of jobs and increase electricity rates in Alabama by 14.5% to 23.5% in just five years.

During one of the worst economic periods in our nation's history, these rules, if enacted, would be among the most expensive and harmful on the coal-producing industry to date according to the EPA's estimates. Our nation's coal producers and electric utilities would be forced to spend an additional \$18 billion per year to comply with these rules, and would result in approximately one and a half million job losses by 2020.

I know that job creation and economic revitalization is also one of your top priorities, and these rules fly in the face of what you are trying to accomplish. I ask that you review Act 2011-131, passed during the Alabama Legislature's 2011 Regular Session, which I have enclosed with this letter. Please postpone the enactment of the Utility MACT, CATR, and other proposed EPA rules indefinitely until further study is done and changes are made that are fair and economically-reasonable to our coal producers and electric utilities.

Sincerely,

Mike Hubbard Speaker of the House

Alabama House of Representatives

Enclosure

Ms. Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency Cc:

Mr. Jacob J. Lew, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Alabama Congressional Delegation



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

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Subject: Daily Reading File-On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, we ask that your

agency ensure that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and National Interest Determination (NID) reviews of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline are truly thorough and

objective as required by the law.

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

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OP - Office of Policy

R5 - Region 5 -- Immediate Office R6 - Region 6 -- Immediate Office R7 - Region 7 -- Immediate Office R8 - Region 8 -- Immediate Office

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Lead Author: N/A

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Green for All • Greenpeace • League of Conservation Voters • National Audubon Society
Native American Rights Fund • Natural Resources Defense Council • Oceana
Physicians for Social Responsibility • Sierra Club • The Wilderness Society

October 26, 2011

Lisa Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Mail code: 1101A) Washington, DC 20460 ZOIL MOV I 4 PM I: 23

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, we ask that your agency ensure that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and National Interest Determination (NID) reviews of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline are truly thorough and objective as required by the law. In our assessment, this has not been true of either the EIS or the NID process so far. The contractor allowed to conduct the environmental review, Cardno Entrix, is faced with a clear conflict of interest and should not have been approved by the State Department to handle this analysis. Additionally, serious environmental and public health issues remain unexamined in the substantially flawed Final Environmental Impact Statement as prepared by Cardno Entrix. The proposed Keystone XL pipeline is not in the national interest and we see many problems with the national interest determination process as run by the State Department to date. Because of this, we ask that your agency object to the current State Department-run process and recommend that the pipeline is not in the national interest.

The Keystone XL pipeline threatens the water and farms in the U.S. heartland, would further pollute already beleaguered refinery communities in the Gulf, and would significantly undercut the Obama administration's climate and clean energy goals. Approving this pipeline will instigate more tar sands exploitation leading to an increase in global greenhouse gas emissions and will lock the United States into a 50 year infrastructure commitment that makes us more dependent on oil, not less.

Millions of Americans have expressed opposition to the pipeline including two major labor unions, Nobel Laureates, the National Congress of American Indian, the National Farmer's Union, the Governor of Nebraska, dozens of members of Congress including both of Nebraska's senators, scientists, business leaders, mayors and dozens of citizen organizations many of

whom are located along the pipeline route. Thousands of Americans from diverse perspectives weighed in against the pipeline at recent hearings held by the State Department.

Yet, instead of addressing the concerns about pipeline safety risks, climate change, environmental justice and the pipeline route through the Nebraska Sandhills, the State Department has pushed ahead to try to achieve an arbitrary decision date by the end of the year. Recent revelations about the close relationship between State Department staff and the pipeline company TransCanada, and the relationship between the State Department EIS contractor ENTRIX and TransCanada, have added to the public perception that the State Department is incapable of an objective and thorough review for this particular pipeline.

We thank the EPA for being a leading agency to raise critical environmental and safety concerns repeatedly throughout the environmental review process. Unfortunately, the final environmental review did not fully address these and other issues. We think it is critical that EPA continues to weigh in on the absence of this information both through the NEPA process but also through the national interest determination review.

We look forward to hearing back from you on this request. Thank you for your agency's continued engagement. You have the attention of millions of Americans who are looking to you for leadership in determining what truly is in the interest of the American public.

Sincerely,

Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins Chief Executive Officer

Green For All

Robert Wendelgass
President & CEO

Clean Water Action

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Earthjustice

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Environment America

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President

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Stumbo, Gregory D

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

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Directors and other personnel.

Subject: Daily Reading File-Kentucky Highway 680 Roadway Project

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

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: ASSIGNED TO OPM (HEINZ MUELLER)

CC: Brigid Lowery - OSWER-CPA

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GREGORY D. STUMBO

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

November 3, 2011

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Mrs. Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Mr. Merdith W.B. (Bo) Temple, Major General United States Army Corps of Engineers, Headquarters 441 G. Street, NW Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Administrator Jackson and Major General Temple:

RE: Kentucky Highway 680 Roadway Project

I am writing to respectfully request that the review process for the Minnie to Harold Connector Project on Kentucky Highway 680 in Floyd County, Kentucky, be expedited.

If you have not been to Minnie or Harold before, I am sure you have traveled throughout the Appalachian region and know the unsafe and treacherous nature of the mountain roads. Improved infrastructure is key to attracting and retaining business. The completion of the project would increase highway safety and help facilitate future economic development opportunities. Both of these attributes are essential to improving the quality of life in Eastern Kentucky.

The project is in the Kentucky Six-Year Highway Plan and the Kentucky General Assembly has declared it to be the Department of Highways' model for public-private partnerships. The partnership is between Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, the Elkhorn Coal Company, LLC, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Highways. The proposed public-private partnership would be mutually beneficial. The aforementioned companies would meet their reclamation obligations and the

Administrator Jackson and Major General Temple November 3, 2011 Page 2

government would save taxpayers an estimated \$23 million, while completing a much-needed infrastructure project.

Again, I respectfully ask that the U.S. EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers move quickly and expedite this vital project. I would also like to personally thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter. I look forward to the completion of the Minnie to Harold Connector Project, and the enhanced opportunities that it would bring to the region.

Sincerely,

Gredory D. Stumbo Speaker of the House

GDS:bm

cc: Mrs. Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming, Region 4 Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency

Mr. Luke T. Leonard, Colonel United States Army Corps of Engineers, Commander of the Louisville District



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Robinson, Rhonda

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Organization: Environmental Protection Agency

Address: 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460

Constituent: N/A

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

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Subject: DRF - Quarterly Audit Management Report - Q4 2011

Instructions: Immediate Closure

Instruction Note: N/A
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Lead Author: N/A

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Fourth Quarter FY 2011 Audit Management Progress Report

FROM:

Barbara J. Bennett

Chief Financial Officer

TO:

Assistant Administrators

General Counsel Inspector General Chief of Staff

Associate Administrators Regional Administrators

As EPA's Audit Follow-Up Official, I am pleased to provide our fourth quarter FY 2011 Audit Management Progress Report, which provides a snapshot of Agency audit actions as of September 30, 2011.

Our audit follow-up activity during FY 2011 shows that EPA made progress in addressing OIG audit findings and reducing the number of late management decisions and corrective actions. Compared with status at the end of Q1, over FY 2011 the Agency has reduced the number of late management decisions by 20 percent and late corrective actions by 59 percent.

New in this quarterly report is a summary of the status of late management decisions on Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) audits for which the EPA is the cognizant agency (i.e., the EPA provides the majority of contract dollars to the contractor.) We are reporting this information in accordance with an agreed-to corrective action under OIG draft audit report OA-FY11-0064 "EPA Should Improve Policies and Procedures to Ensure Effective DCAA Audit Report Resolution." The DCAA report will be a permanent part of our quarterly report.

I commend program and regional offices for your dedication to completing corrective actions in a timely manner, and appreciate the efforts that you, your program managers, and your Audit Follow-Up Coordinators are making to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's programs and operations.

Please contact me if you have questions. Your staff is welcome to call Bernadette Dunn, EPA's Audit Follow-Up Coordinator, at (202) 564-4963.

Attachment

cc: Administrator

Deputy Administrator Deputy Chief of Staff

Bob Sussman

Deputy Assistant Administrators
Deputy Associate Administrators
Deputy Regional Administrators
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Senior Resource Officials Senior Budget Officers Regional Comptrollers OCFO Senior Managers

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Wilkinson, Robert A.

Organization: CopperValley Electric Association, Inc. Address: P.O. Box 45, Glennallen, AK 99588

Constituent: N/A

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

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Subject: DRF - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Compression Ignition

Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ; Docket

OAR-2002-0059

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

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

R10 - Region 10 -- Immediate Office

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Copper Valley Electric Association, Inc.

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November 15, 2011

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

Subject:

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Compression Ignition Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ; Docket #OAR-2002-0059

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Copper Valley Electric Association (CVEA) is a rural Alaskan cooperative located 187 miles east of Anchorage and 250 miles south of Fairbanks. Despite being located on the Federal Aid Highway System (FAHS), we operate an isolated grid and are, reluctantly, dependent on diesel power generation for over 50% of our annual generation requirement. CVEA's vision is to eliminate the use of fossil fuel generation but, due to our size, location, and available resources, we will be dependent on diesel power for many years to come.

Because of our isolated location and the extremely harsh environment in which we do business, we have unique system reliability concerns. The CVEA service area covers 160 miles north to south and 100 miles east to west along the Richardson and Glenn Highways which are part of the FAHS system. Although we serve two dozen rural communities, the primary load centers are Valdez and Glennallen which are 115 miles apart and are connected by road and a 138KV electric transmission line that traverses Thompson Pass, which is known for severe winds and extreme avalanches. Due to weather and operational constraints CVEA maintains redundant generating capacity in both districts to ensure and maintain system reliability. As a consequence CVEA has, in its generation portfolio, more diesel generators than most power producers would require for the number of members in our Co-op.

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ; Docket OAR-2002-0059 November 15, 2011 Page 2

40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZ will require us to modify the exhaust stacks of all our diesel generators including those that are operated on an as needed basis. As explained above, because of our necessity and desire to maintain redundant generation for reliability purposes, the economic hardship of these modifications will be extremely costly. This requirement will raise the cost of power in an area that is already struggling financially.

EPA has already recognized the hardships of isolated Alaskan communities not on the FAHS and provided exemption to 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ for those communities. Unfortunately, because we are located on the FAHS, that exemption does not extend to CVEA even though we are over 100 miles from the nearest connection to the statewide electric grid. The cost to truck diesel to our plants, over hundreds of miles in Alaska's harsh winter climate, is excessive and a tremendous economic burden on our members' cost of power. We would like to avoid increasing this burden even further.

We are soliciting the support of EPA to help assist us with these very unique circumstances. We are requesting that CVEA be afforded the same exemption as currently being extended to "rural Alaska" communities not located on the FAHS. Because of our topography in rural Alaska and the expanse of our member base; health effects associated with an exemption to 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZ would be negligible.

Your consideration of our very unique circumstances is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, pourtains

Robert A. Wilkinson Chief Executive Officer

cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski, US Senate

Senator Mark Begich, US Senate

Representative Don Young, US House of Representatives



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Kefer, Jennifer

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

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Subject: Daily Reading File- Shared interest from businesses and associations in advancing energy

efficiency and making US manufacturers more competitive.

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: Brigid Lowery - OSWER-CPA

Kecia Thornton - OSWER Michelle Crews - OSWER

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November 14, 2011

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Cc:

The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Room 3000, Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. President:

We, the undersigned businesses and associations, share an interest in advancing energy efficiency and making US manufacturers more competitive.

As the Administration adopts greenhouse gas emission standards for power plants under the Clean Air Act, we respectfully write to request that you take full advantage of the emission-reducing potential of energy efficiency. Section 111 New Source Performance Standards for new and existing power plants offer the opportunity to marshal made-in-America solutions to address climate change. We will export these technologies to the world.

Study after study has demonstrated the potential for demand-side energy efficiency, demand management, combined heat and power, and waste heat recovery to reduce greenhouse gas emissions cost-effectively and improve grid reliability while creating jobs. For example, a 2008 review of 48 studies of state-level energy efficiency initiatives found that the policies could achieve an average 23% gain in efficiency with a benefit-cost ratio of nearly 2:1. The same review estimated that a 20 to 30% improvement in energy efficiency in the United States could generate an aggregate 0.5 to 1.5 million jobs and a 0.1% increase in GDP by 2030. A study by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory found that the deployment of combined heat and power to provide 20% of U.S. electric capacity by 2030 would create one million new highly skilled jobs throughout the United States, save an estimated 5.3 quadrillion Btu of fuel annually, and reduce CO₂ emissions by more than 800 million metric tons every year—the equivalent of taking more than half of the current passenger vehicles in the U.S. off the road. EPA itself has documented the value of energy efficiency in generating cost-effective air pollution reductions in other regulatory contexts.

Reducing energy use lowers energy bills for American businesses and families, freeing up much-needed funds, and protecting industry from volatility in fossil fuel markets. Energy efficiency investments will give the power

¹ JOHN A. "SKIP" LAITNER AND VANESSA MCKINNEY, POSITIVE RETURNS: STATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ANALYSES CAN INFORM US ENERGY POLICY ASSESSMENTS (2008), available at www.acece.org/sites/default/files/publications/researchreports/e084.pdf.

² OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY, COMBINED HEAT AND POWER: EFFECTIVE ENERGY SOLUTIONS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE (2008) at 4, available at https://info.ornl.gov/sites/publications/files/Pub13655.pdf.

³ In proposing toxic emission standards for utilities EPA noted that even very modest energy efficiency investments could reduce the cost of meeting the standards by \$2 billion in 2015, \$6 billion in 2020, and \$11 billion in 2030. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 76 Fed. Reg. 24,976, 25,074 (Table 23), May 3, 2011, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Coal and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units and Standards of Performance for Fossil-Fuel-Fired Electric Utility, Industrial-Commercial-Institutional, and Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units."

sector greater flexibility in meeting air pollution emission standards, achieve multi-pollutant emission reductions, and help America to be more energy secure.

For all these reasons, we ask the Administration to recognize and incorporate energy efficiency when it is crafting greenhouse gas emission standards for power plants. Such standards will be a critical step toward making American manufacturers more competitive while addressing climate change. These standards will save Americans money, create jobs, and reduce air pollution. This is not an opportunity we can afford to miss.

Sincerely,

Access Energy, LLC

Alliance for Industrial Efficiency

Alliance to Save Energy

California Business Alliance for a Green Economy

Calnetix Technologies, LLC

Capital Communications/ Phanes Solar

Capstone Turbine Corporation
Cascade Power Group LLC

CFC Chiller Replacement Task Force

Conservation Services Group Continuum Energy Solutions

Danfoss Turbocor Compressors, Inc.

Direct Energy

E-Finity Distributed Generation

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Energy Future Coalition

EnergyNext, Inc. EnerNOC

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FLS Energy

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Heat Is Power ImbuTec Ingersoll Rand KGRA Energy Kiltech Controls, Inc.

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National Association (SMACNA) Sheet Metal Contractors of Iowa Sheet Metal Engineering, Inc. SMACNA of Southern Nevada

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The Ohio Business Council for a Clean Economy

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Veolia Energy North America

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

November 15, 2011

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Audit of EPA's Fiscal 2011 and 2010 Consolidated Financial Statements

Report No. 12-1-0073

FROM:

Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.

Inspector General

TO:

Lisa P. Jackson

Administrator

Barbara J. Bennett Chief Financial Officer

Craig E. Hooks

Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management

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Cynthia Giles

Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Attached is our report on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) fiscal 2011 and 2010 consolidated financial statements. We are reporting eight significant deficiencies. We also identified an instance of noncompliance with laws and regulations related to an Antideficiency Act violation in the Oil Spill Response Account. Attachment 3 contains the status of recommendations related to the material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, and noncompliances with laws and regulations reported in prior years' reports. The significant deficiencies and noncompliances included in attachment 3 also apply for fiscal 2011.

This audit report represents the opinion of the Office of Inspector General, and the findings in this report do not necessarily represent the final EPA position. EPA managers, in accordance with established EPA audit resolution procedures, will make final determinations on the findings in this audit report. Accordingly, the findings described in this audit report are not binding upon EPA in any enforcement proceeding brought by EPA or the Department of Justice. We have no

objections to the further release of this report to the public. This report will be available at http://www.epa.gov/oig.

In accordance with EPA Manual 2750, you are required to provide a written response to this report within 90 calendar days of the final report date. The response should address all issues and recommendations contained in attachments 1 and 2. For corrective actions planned but not completed by the response date, reference to specific milestone dates will assist us in deciding whether to close this report in our audit tracking system. Your response will be posted on the OIG's public website, along with our memorandum commenting on your response. Your response should be provided as an Adobe PDF file that complies with the accessibility requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The final response should not contain data that you do not want to be released to the public; if your response contains such data, you should identify the data for redaction or removal.

Should you or your staff have any questions about the report, please contact Melissa Heist, Assistant Inspector General for Audit, at (202) 566-0899; or Paul Curtis, Director, Financial Statement Audits, at (202) 566-2523.

Attachments

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Message Body

Dear Administrator Jackson,

While I doubt this will make it all the way to you personally, I hope so as I imagine of your stature needs to hear this, too. I wanted to personally thank you for releasing the remarks you made to folks at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. What you and the EPA does through regulations have created a "2" generation" career for me. My father and boss began in this field "mere months" before I was born as Union Carbide's first environmental, health and safety manager in Columbia, Tennessee, in 1974 to handle compliance with all the new environmental laws.

Your speech has the strength and character that I have been fighting to have heard in an markedly Republican state. Global warming is real. New regulations have sparked new jobs – both directly and indirectly. We must have the EPA enforcing and inspecting in larger numbers as the self-regulation of industry has largely led to widespread disregard for poorer communities and our environment.

Meanwhile, if we are successful in obtaining US Nitrogen's PSD permit, you will eventually have a great success story to tell because of GHG regulations. The plant had planned to simply release its food-grade CO2 emissions into the air, but because of the new GHG Rule, it will capture those emissions and is negotiating to sell those emissions as a raw material to another company to locate on the new site. Thus, more jobs and more investment will go into an Appalachian community needing such growth. However, if no PSD permit can be obtained because of hold ups in Region IV, then the accusations of overburdened regulation will be correct.

All and all, I cannot imagine the amount of fortitude it takes anyone of your caliber to do what you do and fight whom you must on a daily basis, yet as one lone citizen in Tennessee, thank you for doing so. I appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

Ben





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latest set of air and water quality control regulations to make air cleaner and waters less

polluted

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Frank M. Stewart President

November 10, 2011



Dear Mrs. Jackson;

The AABE wishes to thank you and the scientists, analysts and the other dedicated staff of the Environmental Protection Agency for the mammoth effort to bring forth the latest set of air and water quality control regulations to make our air cleaner and our waters less polluted. For the past decade and a half, urban communities, African American and Latino communities, and particularly the children of those communities have continued to suffer the negative health impact that the Congress hoped to ameliorate with its passage of both the Clean Air Act of 1995 and the Clean Water Act.

As you are keenly aware, African Americans and Latinos suffer disproportionately higher levels of asthma, certain cancers, and a host of other ailments that have been linked to air pollution from both stationary and mobile sources. Studies have shown that tens of thousands of African American and Latinos have died prematurely and many thousands more have incurred many millions of dollars in hospital costs to treat those diseases. Because of the efforts that you and your colleagues at EPA have courageously made, America is significantly closer to controlling those pollutants that cause so much needless suffering for our families.

We are pleased that the final rule covering hazardous air pollutants is about to be issued, because this means that we can now look forward to the relief that was promised under the Clean Air Act of 1995. This final rule, along with other efforts that you have underway will make it abundantly clear to those owners and operators of the enterprises that produce the pollution just what they are obligated to do and the specific time frames with which they must comply. At last the debates can turn away from the interpretation of the laws to the implementation of the regulations. This is an important step forward.

While we strongly encourage and support full compliance with the EPA regulations, we appreciate that there are still a number of implementation issues that need to be addressed. We are aware of the May 16 communication from Edwin D. Hill, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers expressing his concerns regarding issues of State regulator procedures, the difficulty of permitting facilities that do not increase air pollution such as nuclear plants, and the viability of new renewable energy generation. In addition there are very significant challenges with upgrading existing plants, including the availability of the equipment needed for plant retrofits, and the impact of these challenges on both reliability and costs to the consumer. It is our belief that these are valid concerns that require careful attention.

We are particularly concerned about the ability of State regulators to fulfill their obligations to ensure that appropriate attention is paid to issues of financial prudence which impact rates, to issues of

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maintaining system reliability, and to issues of public safety within the time frames contemplated by the courts and incorporated in the new regulations. It would seem sensible to take appropriate action now to avoid the eventuality of legal action at the state level to correctly align the companies' implementation schedules with what is physically feasible. Not taking reasonable action now will, almost certainly, result in another round of extended delays.

We believe that it is vital that the members of the energy industry have the opportunity, as is stated in the July 20, 2011 resolution of the National Association of Regulated Utility Commissioners, "to coordinate the closure and/or retrofitting of existing electric generating units in an orderly manner that will ensure the continued supply of electricity and that will allow power generators to upgrade their facilities in the most cost effective way, while at the same time achieving attainable efficiency gains and environmental compliance".

Finally, we ask that you, as the Administration's lead environmental officer on this vital matter, work with industry to address the practicalities of compliance with these regulations. Specifically we ask that when a request for an extension of the regulated time frame, is received the burden of proof be firmly placed with the requestor and that, in those instances where an entity can factually, conclusively demonstrate that, with all the best efforts, the requirements of the regulations cannot be met, the agency will, consistent with the law, exercise its flexibility to facilitate the efficient and effective compliance with the applicable regulations.

We, at the American Association of Blacks in Energy, congratulate you on the very important work that you have done and say that we are grateful for your commitment to the well-being of all the citizens of this great nation.

Sincerely,

Daniel F. Packer, Chair

Board of Directors

American Association of Blacks in Energy



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Dispute of Marshall Space Flight Center's (EPA ID: AL1800013863) Final Operable Unit 12

Record of Decision, dated April 22, 2011

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November 15, 2011

Ms. Lisa Jackson, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency USEPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code: 1101A Washington, DC 20460

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Re: Formal Dispute of Marshall Space Flight Center's (EPA ID: AL1800013863) Final Operable Unit 12 Record of Decision, dated April 22, 2011.

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On June 13, 2011, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 and Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC), in accordance with Section 25 (C) of the 2001 MSFC Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), stating that ADEM is disputing the Final Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 12.

As stated in the referenced letter, the reason for the dispute is that ADEM and EPA disagree on the degree of specificity required in the identification of applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs). Since that time, and in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provisions in the subject FFA, ADEM and EPA Region 4 have attempted to amicably resolve this dispute. However, as noted in Region 4 Administrator Gwen Keyes Flemings' letter dated October 25, 2011, these attempts to resolve the matter have not been successful. It is my understanding that the next step in this Dispute Resolution process is for you to make a decision on behalf of EPA.

Statement of Disputed Matters

The dispute centers on the fact that Alabama disagrees with EPA Region 4's new interpretation of what constitutes an Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs). This new method of identification, which drastically differs from what was standard in Region 4 prior to 2009, requires a high degree of specificity in the identification of ARARs. Alabama's concerns with this increased level of specificity include 1) that facilities will believe they do not have to meet State requirements not specifically listed as ARARs and 2) whether a responsible party is required to comply with State RCRA regulations when federal CERCLA regulations are also invoked. ADEM's position is outlined in greater detail below and in the attached point-by-point analysis (Exhibit 1).

ADEM's Position

The new ARARs interpretation is a significant departure from accepted practice. Exhibit 2 contains the ARARs table and text from two recent remedial actions at the same facility as the one in question (See Item III in the attached point-by-point analysis for more detail). The ARARs table in Exhibit 2 is typical in detail to all previous ARARs tables developed in Alabama and agreed to by EPA



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Region 4 prior to 2009. Exhibit 3 contains the ARARs table proposed for the current site. ADEM's reasons for objecting to the new interpretation of ARARs being proposed by EPA Region 4 include:

- 1. EPA Region 4 is acting unilaterally and without consideration of the concerns of the States within Region 4. Without any known directive or guidance from EPA headquarters, and without a known comparable initiative in any other EPA region, EPA Region 4 has re-interpreted what constitutes an ARAR. The potential impacts of the new interpretation were not vetted or discussed with ADEM before EPA Region 4 required them at this site. Ultimately, this is a matter of principal and precedent. The State of Alabama, through ADEM, was granted authority to develop and enforce RCRA corrective action regulations in 1995. Since receiving authority, ADEM has undertaken and successfully completed the cleanup of numerous sites, under both RCRA and CERCLA, utilizing a well accepted interpretation of what constitutes an ARAR. Application of this new interpretation of ARARs to the MSFC site is of great importance to ADEM since, if implemented, this new methodology would arguably set the precedent for future ARAR table development at all sites in Alabama.
- The new ARARs table (Exhibit 3) is so specific and narrowly focused that it 2. allows no provision for the uncertainties inevitably encountered during the implementation of a remedial action. As a result, the new interpretation of ARARs may put the successful cleanup of hazardous waste sites at risk. Prior to 2009, ARARs tables in Region 4 cited State regulations at the Division level. This methodology allowed a contingency for unforeseen conditions encountered after the cleanup commenced. The dramatic move to a very specific, narrow, identification of ARARs creates concern on the part of the State that aspects of the remedial activities, which were unknown or unanticipated before the work began, will not have the necessary ARARs identified. ADEM is concerned that, in such a case, the facilities will believe they do not have to meet State requirements not specifically listed as ARARs. While MSFC has stated that it will meet all potential ARARs, whether or not the requirements are identified in the ARARs table, it cannot be presumed that future responsible parties will be as accommodating. Notwithstanding EPA's assertion that additional ARARs can be developed and implemented, it would not be unreasonable for a responsible party to contend that, when the extremely detailed activities as originally agreed upon have been accomplished, its responsibilities have been met. The purpose of a remedial action is to obtain cleanup of both known and unknown waste; but the level of specificity EPA proposes in the ARARs table puts the cleanup of the unknown portion at risk.
- 3. The new ARARs identification process is unnecessarily cumbersome and time consuming. As seen in Exhibits 2 & 3, a less than one page table with seven State and federal citations has been expanded to a 10 page table with over 65 citations. The 10 page table was 30 pages until, in the supposed name of economy, the comparable federal and state citations were simply put on the same line with no actual reduction in detail. The ARARs table development effort has extended the time, from developing a feasibility study (where ARARs were first listed) to signing a final record of decision, from what was initially projected to be 12 months in MSFC's fiscal year 2008 site management plan, to 45 months and counting. The public remains at risk as long as a hazardous waste site exists and the new process for identifying ARARs unnecessarily delays cleanup of hazardous waste sites. The process to develop the ARARs table in Exhibit 2 did not impact the timeline for achieving a signed interim record of decision. The process to develop the ARARs table which is the subject of this dispute is

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incomplete after 45 months. EPA Region 4's efforts to refine the ARARs table have delayed the process by 33 months and have increased the costs of all involved parties. This is inconsistent with recently stated federal efforts to reduce red tape and reduce the costs of government. Ultimately, cleanup of the environment is being held hostage over this matter. The amount of time required to achieve the desired level of specificity allows contamination to continue to migrate, thus expanding the pollution footprint. In this case, the time period already exceeds three years.

The new ARARs methodology seeks to fix a non-existent problem. The ARARs 4. process has been in place for over 25 years and EPA has not identified any specific problems in the past; therefore, there is no basis for this change. EPA Region 4 stated in its October 25, 2011, letter, that the highly detailed ARARs table will aid responsible parties in better estimating remedial costs at hazardous waste sites and determining compliance with regulations. However, there was never a deficiency in the quality of the cost estimates or remedial actions identified as being due to a lack of detail in the ARARs tables. CERCLA actions have been successfully carried out for more than 25 years without the highly specific ARARs tables that EPA Region 4 began requesting in 2009. EPA Region 4 has made no claim that the new interpretation of ARARs will reduce the cost or improve the quality of the final cleanup for any involved party compared to past cleanups. As set out in the Compliance with ARARs Section of the OU-12 ROD, if unanticipated changes to the ARARs are necessary the responsible party is required to pay whatever the costs are and stay involved until its obligations are met. This means the responsible party will pay the exact same amount for the cleanup and its work will be complete at the exact same endpoint regardless of the specificity in the ARARs table. The ARARs table, in essence, aids in developing a good faith estimate of the cost and the activities that must be undertaken. Even with greater specificity, it is still, at best, only a good faith estimate, but reached at greater cost of scarce resources and time. At worst, the ARARs table becomes a potential limitation of liability for the responsible party which would create a significant problem. ADEM's position is that retaining the less specific identification of ARARs, which was the standard ARARs table format accepted by EPA Region 4 until 2009, is more inclusive and will ensure that no essential regulations are excluded.

In Summary, EPA Region 4 is attempting to unilaterally implement a new, cumbersome ARARs process that seeks to fix a non-existent problem and in so doing unnecessarily delays cleanup of hazardous waste sites and puts successful cleanup at risk.

Upon reviewing the EPA Region 4 Administrator's October 25, 2011 letter, ADEM noted several points with which ADEM disagrees, as well as statements which ADEM does not believe accurately represent ADEM's position and concerns with the current ARARs table. The changes to the ARARs table included in EPA Region 4's letter were superficial at best and do not address the specific issues and concerns raised by ADEM. Attached is a detailed point-by-point response to the EPA Region 4 Administrator's correspondence dated October 25, 2011 (Exhibit 1).

Proposed Solution

ADEM offers what it believes are two reasonable solutions to this issue: 1) that the ARARs table be made less specific (as set forth in Exhibit 4) to ensure that no regulations are excluded; or 2) for documents to include the statement that all state requirements must be met regardless of whether or not they are identified in the ARAR's table. By way of analogy, one might consider an automobile warranty

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that seeks to identify and cover each individual nut, bolt, wire, etc. that might break verses a warranty that states the automobile must be free of defects. Failure to affirm that applicable State regulations must be met implies the State requirements do not have to be met and the State does not have authority to set standards higher than EPA's standards for remediation within its boundaries.

ADEM wants to reiterate that ADEM's concerns are not related to any insufficiency on the part of MSFC. While ADEM cannot concur with the Final OU-12 ROD due to the larger programmatic considerations engendered by the ARARs issue, it does concur with the technical aspects of the overall plan as designed by MSFC to address the known conditions.

For the above reasons, and in accordance with Section 25 (C) of the 2001 Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA), ADEM is formally elevating this dispute to the EPA Administrator for resolution.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact me at 334.271.7710 or via e-mail at lefteur@adem.state.al.us.

Sincerely

Lance R. LeFleur

Director

LRL/SG/ghe

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November 15, 2011

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Thank you for taking time to meet with us last week regarding the Pavillion matter. I very much appreciate your interest in the issue, as well as your willingness to consider our views on the field and the process to-date. Encana believes the voluntary process has been and will continue to be fruitful.

My team is in the process of reviewing the data just made available. It appears that some pertinent information is missing, which they are working with Region 8 to obtain. In any case, I have asked members of my team to schedule a meeting with Regional Administrator Martin, as well as with Mr. Robert Sussman if appropriate, in the very near future to discuss our interpretation of the data as well as any potential path forward on this important issue.

Perhaps we might have an opportunity to speak in the near future as well regarding any potential paths.

Thank you again for your time last week, as well as for your service.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wojahn President

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Dear Lisa,

The Keeping Maine's Forest (KMF) project steering committee is very pleased and grateful to you and your colleagues for selecting KMF for special recognition under President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative.

The President's 2011 America's Great Outdoors proclamation captures the exceptional qualities of Maine's North Woods when it says, "For generations, America's great outdoors have ignited our imaginations, bolstered our economy, and fueled our national spirit of adventure and independence."

Now in its third year of collaboration Keeping Maine's Forest continues to work toward a future where both the environmental and economic integrity of the Maine Woods are maintained in healthy condition. Primarily under private ownership, this forest is the largest continuous expanse of largely undeveloped and unfragmented forest in the Eastern United States and represents nationally unique ecological features.

A year ago at the final AGO listening session In Bangor, Director Nancy Sutley and her colleagues were introduced to two complimentary projects, KMF and the Penobscot River Restoration Trust (PRRT). While the Keeping Maine's Forests landscape-scale conservation mission represents an ambitious endeavor, Maine's experience over the past dozen years suggests that it is an achievable undertaking. Your support gives both KMF and PRRT a much appreciated expression of confidence.

On behalf of my KMF colleagues, thank you.

Thank you for your role in the America's Great Outdoors initiative and for your support for Maine's two projects.

Sincerety,

Ted Koffman

Executive Director

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Subject: DRF - Funding for WaterSense Program

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

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

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Funding for WaterSense Program

Dear Administrator Jackson:

Monte Vista Water District is proud to be a Promotional Partner of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) WaterSense Program. A public water district located in inland southern California, Monte Vista Water District provides retail and wholesale water services to a population of over 130,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, and portions of Chino.

As you make the final decisions regarding the allocation of funds appropriated to the EPA for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012, we urge you to provide a small but meaningful increase in funding for the WaterSense program. An increase of \$500,000 in the new fiscal year would increase this program by nearly 20 percent, allowing additional product specifications, market research, partner collaboration, and program documentation.

We appreciate the support you have provided for WaterSense to date. This voluntary and highly cost-effective program is an excellent investment for American consumers, businesses, and state and federal government. Monte Vista Water District has been very impressed with the activities of WaterSense since it was launched in 2006. The program has been steadily gaining momentum in building the brand and in certifying water efficiency products and programs. The District believes that our promotional partnership with the program offers benefit to our customers who are in the market for products that use water efficiently, and increases the visibility of the District as a leader in promoting water use efficiency. The District regularly promotes WaterSense certified products and events like "Fix a Leak Week" on its website and customer communication materials.



The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson November 15, 2011

Monte Vista Water District joins other WaterSense partners and stakeholders in seeking a modest increase for this program. Under your leadership, WaterSense can become an even more effective tool for making more efficient and responsible use of the Nation's valuable water resources.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Monte Vista Water District

Sandra S. Rose

President, Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors



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Citizen Information

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

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Subject: DRF - House Concurrent Resolution No. 3053; Urging Congress to clearly limit US EPA

regulation of hydraulic fracturing under the SDWA to well stimulation treatments that use diesel fuel as the primary constituent--more than 50 percent diesel fuel by volume--of

hydraulic fracturing fluid

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: Linda Huffman - OECA

OAR - Office of Air and Radiation -- Immediate Office

OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

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Lead Author: N/A

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Lisa P. Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson,

The 62nd Legislative Assembly in Special Session for the State of North Dakota recently passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 3053 and have instructed this office to forward a copy to you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Enclosure

HCR No. 3053

Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Special Session Commencing Monday, November 7, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3053 (Representatives Kasper, Bellew, Drovdal, Rust) (Senators Andrist, Nodland) (Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to clearly limit United States Environmental Protection Agency regulation of hydraulic fracturing under the Safe Drinking Water Act to well stimulation treatments that use diesel fuel as the primary constituent--more than 50 percent diesel fuel by volume--of hydraulic fracturing fluid.

WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, a mechanical method of increasing the permeability of rock, thus increasing the amount of oil or gas produced from the rock, has greatly enhanced oil and gas production in this state; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas production increases in this state have led to growth in employment and economic development as well as promotion of energy independence for the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 uses the term "diesel fuel" more than 40 times and defines "diesel fuel" according to the American Society for Testing and Materials standard specifications for fuel oils; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency is being urged to define "diesel fuel" in Section 322 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 in a different and broader manner than the definition of "diesel fuel" used elsewhere in the Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 was never intended to subject injection of hydraulic fracturing fluids that contain minute amounts of diesel fuel, typically less than one-tenth of 1 percent by volume, to Safe Drinking Water Act regulation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to clearly limit Environmental Protection Agency regulation of hydraulic fracturing under the Safe Drinking Water Act to well stimulation treatments that use diesel fuel as the primary constituent--more than 50 percent by volume--of the hydraulic fracturing fluid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate



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Citizen Information

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Subject: DRF - House Concurrent Resolution No. 3054; Urging the US EPA to approve North Dakota's

plan for addressing regional haze and urging Congress to clearly delegate responsibility for

the regulation of regional haze and minor source air permitting to the states

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

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November 14, 2011

Lisa P. Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington DC 20460

Dear Ms. Jackson,

The 62nd Legislative Assembly in Special Session for the State of North Dakota recently passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 3054 and have instructed this office to forward a copy to you for your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Enclosure

HCR No. 3054

Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Special Session Commencing Monday, November 7, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054 (Representatives Kasper, Delzer, Dosch, Wrangham) (Senators Cook, Dever) (Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

A concurrent resolution urging the United States Environmental Protection Agency to approve North Dakota's plan for addressing regional haze and urging Congress to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of regional haze and minor source air permitting to the states.

WHEREAS, in Section 101 of the Clean Air Act, Congress determined that preventing and controlling air pollution "is the primary responsibility of States and local governments" and the Act is designed to prevent the federal government from substituting its inflexible judgment for a state's superior knowledge of local conditions and needs; and

WHEREAS, in American Corn Growers Association v. E.P.A., 291 F.3d 1, 2 (D.C. Cir. 2002), the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit held that the Clean Air Act "calls for states to play the lead role in designing and implementing regional haze programs"; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Department of Health developed a reasonable plan for addressing regional haze and this state's air is among the nation's cleanest in the nation with the 2010 American Lung Association ranking Mercer County, home to several coal-based power plants, as one of the 25 cleanest counties in the United States and ranking Billings County, home to Theodore Roosevelt National Park and significant oil and gas development, as the third cleanest; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has noticed its intention in the Federal Register to disapprove a portion of this state's plan for addressing regional haze and impose a federal plan in its place that mandates an inappropriate technology, selective catalytic reduction, that is not proven on boilers using this state's high-sodium lignite and which when tested through a pilot study, the technology failed after two months; and

WHEREAS, when one compares the United States Environmental Protection Agency's plan to this state's plan there is no significant improvement in visibility under the United States Environmental Protection Agency's plan, so much so that the visibility improvements the United States Environmental Protection Agency claims would result from its plan are not even humanly perceptible; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Department of Health found that international and out-of-state sources are the most significant cause of impaired visibility in the state's national parks and wilderness areas, and that even if every coal plant and oil drilling rig in the state were shut down, the Environmental Protection Agency's visibility goals could not be met because the problem is caused by sources outside this state; and

WHEREAS, this state has crafted an implementation plan that takes into account the various technology options available to oil and gas operators to reduce emissions of volatile organic compounds; and

WHEREAS, this state's natural gas gathering and processing industry has committed more than \$3 billion to build infrastructure that will capture and market flared gas; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency is ignoring this state's authority and local knowledge and the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed action would unnecessarily jeopardize this state's sovereignty and economic well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

H. C. R. NO. 3054 - PAGE 2

That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to approve North Dakota's plan for addressing regional haze and urges Congress to clearly delegate responsibility for the regulation of regional haze and minor source air permitting to the states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate



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Subject Southern States S02 Letter

Message Body

Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of the chief environmental administrators of the 8 Region 4 states, plus Virginia and West Virginia , attached is a letter setting out some concerns with EPA's approach to implementing the SO2 National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues in greater detail with you at your convenience.

Warmest regards,

Bob Martineau

Robert J. Martineau, Jr.
Commissioner
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November 21, 2011

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

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The purpose of this letter is to convey a series of concerns and recommendations from the environmental agencies of ten southeastern states. As chief administrators of these agencies, we are responsible for protecting human health and the environment and we have a solid record of doing so, as evidenced by consistently improving air quality in the Southeast and the significant resources that we dedicate to this effort. We present to you herein our thoughts regarding draft guidance the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released September 22, 2011. EPA has stated its intention to use this guidance in implementation of the 2010 sulfur dioxide (SO₂) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). These concerns and recommendations include the following:

- EPA's proposed implementation approach is inconsistent with its long-term policies and is extremely resource-demanding. State implementation plan (SIP) submittal deadlines are not likely achievable. We believe that EPA should abandon its current implementation approach and instead develop a more reasonable approach that is adequately protective of air quality but does not place unnecessary and unrealistic administrative, technical, and cost burdens on our states.
- EPA should use only ambient air quality monitoring data to make initial designations of nonattainment areas for the revised SO₂ NAAQS.
- EPA's current plan Section 110(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act to require modeling for the state implementation plans that are due by June 2013 is a serious concern to our states, and we question EPA's significant departure from the way previous NAAQS have been implemented. We acknowledge that modeling may be necessary and appropriate in some cases to demonstrate compliance and impact to SO₂ ambient concentrations. However, historically the Section 110(a)(1) requirements have focused on the general information and authorities that constitute the "infrastructure" of the air quality management program. This is outlined in more detail in the enclosed discussion paper.

Numerous other concerns and recommendations are included in the discussion paper enclosed. We appreciate your consideration of these matters and look forward to EPA's favorable response. We stand ready to work with you and your staff in a cooperative and constructive manner to address these issues. Please contact any of the undersigned if you need additional information.

Lisa P. Jackson November 21, 2011 Page 2 of 2

Best Regards,

Lance R. LeFleur, Director Alabama Department of Environmental

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

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.

NOTE: CIRCULATION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR IS LIMITED TO MEMBERS LISTED ON THE DISTRIBUTION SHEET.

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

Stephen D. Mull Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Oct 7-Dec 4	100 th Session of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Council and High-Level Segment of the Council, Geneva
Nov 14-25	Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) 4 th Review Conference, Geneva
Nov 20-22	22 nd Session of the U.SChina Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT), Chengdu [Secretary of Commerce Bryson, U.S. Trade Representative Kirk, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack]
Nov 20-25	23 rd Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP-23) United Nations Environment Program, Bali
Nov 21	Parliamentary Elections in the Marshall Islands
Nov 21-22	Forum for the Future, Kuwait City
Nov 22	International Energy Forum (IEF) Executive Board Meeting, Riyadh
Nov 23	10 th Anniversary Meeting of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, Strasbourg
Nov 24	Presidential Elections in Gambia
Nov 25	Parliamentary Elections in Morocco
Nov 26	Parliamentary Elections in New Zealand SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED FOR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT USE ONLY

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Nov 28	Presidential and Legislative Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage One
Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Guyana
Nov 28*	U.SEU Summit, Washington
Nov 28*	U.SEU Energy Council Ministerial, Washington
Nov 28*	Visit of President Barroso of the European Commission to Washington
Nov 28*	Visit of President Van Rompuy of the European Council to Washington
Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in St. Lucia
Nov 28-30	High-Level Expert Meeting on the Sustainable Use of Oceans, Monaco
Nov 28-Dec 2	11 th Meeting of State's Parties (MSP) on Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), Phnom Penh
Nov 28-Dec 9	17 th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United States Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7 th Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the Parties (CMP 7) to the Kyoto Protocol, Durban

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Nov 29-Dec 1	4 th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan
Nov 29*	Visit of Prime Minister Rutte of the Netherlands to Washington
Nov 30-Dec 2	Visit of Secretary of State Clinton to Burma
Dec 1*(T)	U.SIsrael Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Dec 1	Presidential Inauguration in Kyrgyzstan
Dec 1*	Visit of President Schmitt of Hungary to Washington
Dec 3-4	World Climate Summit 2011, Durban
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Croatia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Russia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Slovenia
Dec 5	International Afghanistan Conference, Bonn
Dec 5-6	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Proxy Actors in Cyberspace Workshop, Hoi An
Dec 6-7	Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Vilnius
Dec 7*	Visit of Prime Minister Harper of Canada to Washington
Dec 7	U.SChina Defense Consultative Talks, Beijing
Dec 7-8	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Foreign Ministers Meeting, Brussels

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Dec 7-8	60 th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50 th Anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness Ministerial-Level Meeting, Geneva
Dec 8*	U.SEU Aviation Joint Committee, Washington
Dec 8-9	4 th Bali Democracy Forum: "Enhancing Democratic Participation in a Changing World: Responding to Democratic Voices," Bali
Dec 9	Ministerial Conference on Internet Freedom, The Hague
Dec 10	Presidential Inauguration in Argentina
Dec 11(T)	Parliamentary Elections in Cote d'Ivoire
Dec 11-13	4 th Annual Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Doha
Dec 12*	Visit of Prime Minister al-Maliki of Iraq to Washington
Dec 12-14*	Inaugural Experts Meeting on the Istanbul Process for Combating Religious Intolerance, Washington
Dec 13*	Visit of Sheikh Abdallah bin Zayed al Nuhayyan, Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates to Washington
Dec 13-15	Plenary Session of the Wassenaar Arrangement, Vienna
Dec 14	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 2
Dec 14-15*	International Engagement Conference for the Republic of South Sudan (RoSS), Washington

Dec 15*	Inaugural Women in Public Service Project Conference, Washington	
Dec 15-16*(T)	Visit of Foreign Minister Sovndal of Denmark to Washington	
Dec 15-17	World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference, Geneva	
Dec 17	Parliamentary Elections in Gabon	
Dec 20	Presidential Swearing-in in Democratic Republic of Congo	
Dec 29	Legislative Elections in Guinea	
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Jan 3	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 3	
Jan 4*(T)	Visit of Foreign Minister Stoere of Norway to Washington	
Jan 14	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Taiwan	
Jan 16	Presidential Inauguration in Liberia	
Jan 16-19	5 th World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi	
Jan 22	Presidential Elections in Finland-1 st Round	
Jan 22	Legislative Elections in Egypt-1 st Round	
Jan 23-30	African Union Summit, Addis Ababa	
Jan 23-Feb 17	World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12), Geneva	
Jan 25-29	World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos-Klosters	
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Jan 26-27*(T)	U.SPhilippines Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Jan 30*(T)	Visit of President Mills of Ghana to Washington
Jan 30-Feb 1*(T)	Visit of Foreign Minister Kazykhanov of Kazakhstan to Washington
Feb 3-5	48 th Munich Security Conference, Munich
Feb 5	Presidential Elections in Finland-2 nd Round
Feb 12	Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan
Feb 16	Paris Pact Ministerial, Vienna
Feb 19	Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)
Feb 26	Presidential Elections in Senegal
Feb 27-28	Mobile World Conference, Barcelona
Mar TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt
Mar 4	Presidential Elections in Russia
Mar 5-9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Mar 8-9	4 th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Intersessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament, Sydney
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 12-17	6 th World Water Forum, Marseille
Mar 24	Legislative Elections in Gambia
Mar 26-27	2 nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul
Mar 29	Parliamentary Elections in Iran
Apr 3-5	Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town
Apr 14-15	6 th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena
Apr 16-18	World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta
Apr 18-19	Clean Energy Ministerial, London
Apr 22	Presidential Elections in France-1 st Round
Apr 23	Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius
Apr 29	Presidential Elections in Mali-1 st Round
May 6	Presidential Elections in France-2 nd Round
May 9-11	World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa
May 12-Aug 12	Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast
May 13	Presidential Elections in Mali-2 nd Round
May 15-22	NATO/G-8 Summits, Chicago
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May 16	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic
May 18-19	2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London
May 28-30	3 rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30-Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31-Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
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 10	Legislative Elections in France-1 st Round
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2 nd Round
Jun 19-21	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul
Jun 20-22	UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro
Jul 1	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico
Jul 1	Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1 st Round

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Jul 8-10	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
Jul 21-25(T)	19 th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Phnom Penh
Jul 22	Parliamentary Elections in Mali-2 nd Round
Jul 22-27*	International AIDS Conference, Washington
Jul 27-Aug 12	XXX Summer Olympic Games, London
Aug 14	Presidential Elections in Kenya-1 st Round
Aug 29-Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London
Sep 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Sept 17-21	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna
Oct 7	Presidential Elections in Venezuela
Oct 8	Presidential Elections in Slovenia
Oct 28	Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine
Nov 18-20(T)	21 st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, Phnom Penh
Nov 29-30	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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November 15, 2011

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

Dear Administrator Jackson:

In response to its previous request for guidance in a letter dated October 7, 2011, staff of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA") participated in a conference call with U.S. EPA staff from Washington DC and Region 1 on November 3, 2011 regarding design parameters and schedules relevant to installation by MWRA of ultraviolet (UV) disinfection equipment at its drinking water treatment facilities. The addition of a \$30 million UV facility, as a second means of disinfection of public water supplies in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements under EPA's Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2), has been under construction at MWRA's John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant since April 2011. Final design began in April 2008 in accordance with EPA's UV Guidance Manual and installation is mandated by the LT2 Rule to be complete by April 1, 2014.

As indicated in the prior letter, a substantial degree of recently identified uncertainty remains as to the validity of assumptions made by EPA in its UV Guidance Manual in regards to the degree of effectiveness of medium pressure UV lamps. This is making the efforts to achieve compliance of a facility already under construction a moving target.

In the telephone conversation with EPA staff, MWRA was advised that even in the face of an expected lack of definitive guidance for months, if not years, into the future, EPA would be unable to postpone the deadline for completion of UV facilities due to timeframes for revising existing regulations. EPA staff also indicated it could not grant an extension of time to resolve the uncertainty of the underlying UV science. Furthermore, EPA staff indicated it could not impose a moratorium upon regulatory enforcement in the event that the science relative to the efficacy of UV treatment evolves in a way that renders facilities constructed and operated based on the EPA UV Guidance Manual unable to comply with the LT2 Rule.

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In the face of a looming, unmovable deadline, MWRA has been forced to approve the fabrication of the UV equipment so that the manufacturer can deliver the equipment in time to meet EPA's regulatory deadline. MWRA remains of the belief that what should come first is the correction of questionable assumptions about the efficacy of the UV process. However, MWRA feels it has no other choice and is compelled to do all it can to save its ratepayers from the penalties that could ensue if the UV systems are not in place in a timely manner, regardless of how questionable their ultimate effectiveness may be.

Sincerely,

Frederick A. Laskey Executive Director

cc: H. Curtis Spalding, EPA Region 1 Administrator Kenneth L. Kimmel, Mass DEP Commissioner



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epinephrine asthma inhalers

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

Instruction Note: N/A General Notes: N/A

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November 22, 2011

Honorable Pat Roberts 109 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-1605 RE: S. 1752 Freedom to Breathe Act of 2011

Honorable Jim DeMint 167 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 RE: Amendment OTC Epinephrine Inhalers Honorable Lisa Jackson Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

The Honorable Margaret H. Hamburg, M.D. Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20993

Dear Senator Roberts, Senator DeMint, Administrator Jackson and Commissioner Dr. Hamburg:

The United States Food and Drug Administration's decision to remove over the counter epinephrine asthma inhalers will take effect on January 1, 2012. This action has been proposed to eliminate the CFC propellants in inhalers that could affect the ozone layer. Over the counter epinephrine is the only asthma inhaler remaining on the market with a CFC propellant. All other manufacturers of asthma medications have switched to different delivery systems and have eliminated CFC propellants from their metered doses inhalers in favor of HFA which likely does not effect the environment. We would like to see that inhaled epinephrine is banned since it is not in patients' best interest to use this product to manage their asthma symptoms.

Optimal asthma care requires consultation with health care professionals including asthma specialists and the use of appropriate medications. Evidenced based guidelines do not recommend the use of inhaled epinephrine for treatment or control of either acute or chronic asthma symptoms.

It is important to recognize that appropriate care of asthma with more effective rescue medications and chronic controller medications will ultimately decrease morbidity and mortality due to this common disease. Not only will this benefit patients, but this will provide considerable cost savings to the health care system and the economy as a whole due to decreases in lost productivity at work and school, urgent care visits and hospitalizations, all of which result from inadequate asthma control.

In summary, although the cost of epinephrine inhalers are approximately 50 -70% less than prescription albuterol, the use of these inhalers for the management of asthma will ultimately cost the health care system considerably more and imperil the lives of those patients with asthma who rely on this treatment and do not seek the most appropriate care. As representatives of asthma specialists, we support the removal of over the counter epinephrine inhalers from the market and urge optimal care for patients with asthma.

Sincerely,

Stanley M. Fineman, MD, MBA

President, ACAAI

Dennis K. Ledford, MD

President, AAAAI



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Administrator and other senior officials - Electronic.

Subject: Daily Reading File- We strongly urge you to move forward with the December 31, 2011,

phase-out of CFC-propelled over the counter epinephrine (Primatene Mist CFC) from the U.S.

Market

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

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November 23, 2011

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

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of the undersigned medical and public health organizations, we strongly urge you to move forward with the December 31, 2011, phase-out of CFC-propelled overthe-counter epinephrine (Primatene Mist CFC) from the U.S. market. We strongly believe that a firm transition date is in the best interest of patients with asthma.

As you know, in response to concerns about the growth of the hole in the ozone layer and its potential global health and environmental effects, the Montreal Protocol treaty was signed by the United States in 1987 and later ratified by the U.S. Senate. The Montreal Protocol created a process to remove non-essential ozone depleting chemicals from the market place. Chloroflourocarbons (CFCs) were one of the many ozone depleting substances covered by the treaty.

As you also know, prior to the Montreal Protocol, CFCs were commonly used as a propellant in household and medical aerosol products. One of the more challenging technical aspects of the transition was developing CFC alternatives for aerosolized respiratory medicines to treat asthma and other lung diseases. Due in large part to industry innovation, the United States has successfully managed the transition from CFC to CFC-free products for drugs used to treat asthma and other respiratory conditions.

We are aware Members of Congress have requested that EPA allow the existing stock of Primatene Mist CFC be sold after the December 31, 2011deadlineand until the stock is depleted. We urge you to reject this request for the following reasons.

Epinephrine is suboptimal care for the treatment of asthma.

Asthma is a common and potentially serious health condition that impacts millions of Americans. Fortunately there are effective medications that can be used to manage patients with asthma. Several expert panels have produced recommendations on the treatment of patients with asthma. None of the expert guidelines recommend the use of over-the-counter medications--like Primatene Mist--to treat asthma. The National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP), an expert panel convened by the National Institutes of Health, has issued treatment guidelines for management of asthma. NAEPP recommends against the use of epinephrine for treating asthma exacerbations stating:

"Drugs of choice for acute bronchospasm. Inhaled route has faster onset, fewer adverse effects, and is more effective than systemic routes. The less beta2-selective agents (isoproterenol, metaproterenol, isoetharine, and **epinephrine**) are not recommended due to their potential for excessive cardiac stimulation, especially in high doses. (*emphasis added*)(1)

We strongly encourage any patient who uses over the counter medications--like Primatene Mist CFC--to treat his/her asthma to seek a healthcare provider who can help the patient develop an asthma management plan and recommend more effective and safer medications to manage the asthma.

A Firm Transition Date will Help Ensure an Orderly Transition

We note that delay letter requests Primatene Mist CFC be permitted to be sold after the December 31, 2011deadline, until the product stockpile is deleted. Such an imprecise transition deadline will create confusion for patients and undermine efforts for an orderly and effective transition. It will invariably lead to significant variation in product availability. More importantly, a rolling enforcement deadline will prevent pharmacists and other health professionals from being able to deliver a nationally coordinated, timely message to Primatene Mist CFC users on their treatment options.

Consistent Transition Process

This is not the first time industry has petitioned the EPA to be granted an enforcement extension beyond the established deadline. Manufacturers of CFC- containing medical products sought similar exemptions earlier in the transition process. The EPA rejected those earlier petitions. We also note that Armstrong Pharmaceuticals sought and received a one-year extension of the transition date. We believe Armstrong has had sufficient time to prepare for a final transition date of December 31, 2011. FDA determined in 2008 that epinephrine should be phased out. We have been working for more than three years for this orderly transition.

The Ozone Layer

Lastly, we note the hole in the ozone layer still exists. Thankfully, scientists project that due to continuing reductions of on ozone-depleting substances; the hole in the ozone layer is stabilizing and is expected to recover in the coming decades. The success of the Montreal Protocol should be celebrated and give the EPA firm resolve to move

forward the established, orderly transition schedule for continued emissions reductions in ozone depleting substances.

We hope you will keep our thoughts in mind as you evaluate any request to delay the phase-out deadline.

Sincerely,

American Thoracic Society
American Lung Association
American Association of Respiratory Care
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
National Home Oxygen Patients Association
National COPD Foundation

1) National Asthma Education Prevention Program- Expert Report 2 (1997) p. 64 figure 3-2.



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November 16, 2011

File Ref: W977.234

Honorable Lisa Jackson Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Suite 3000 Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: The Next Version of the EPA Vessel General Permit

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The staff of the California State Lands Commission appreciates the opportunity to discuss its views regarding the next version of the Vessel General Permit (VGP).

Since 1999, California has been and remains a national and world leader in the development of effective science-based management strategies for preventing marine invasive species introductions through vessel vectors. The California State Lands Commission's Marine Invasive Species Program (MISP) pursues aggressive strategies to limit the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species (NIS), including having established strict performance standards for the discharge of ballast water in 2007. California's technology-forcing performance standards serve to push the development of innovative, technology-based strategies to manage NIS in ballast water discharges.

California works cooperatively with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in order to advance a consistent, strong, enforceable, funded, national program that pushes technology and the science of vessel vector management forward, while ensuring that the state's existing, world-leading programs be allowed to continue. The Commission's staff reviewed and commented on the draft VGP issued in 2008, and provided suggestions for improvements to the next VGP based on a Federal Register request in late 2010. Additionally, Commission Staff has continued to communicate and work closely with EPA staff as we begin to implement California's performance standards for the discharge of ballast water and strategies to limit the introduction of species from vessel biofouling.

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Commission staff has recently discussed possible NIS management strategies that are likely to appear in the next version of the Vessel General Permit with colleagues in Michigan and New York state government as well as with scientists and non-governmental environmental organizations. Commission staff is in agreement with these stakeholders that the next version of the Vessel General Permit must include:

A Protective Set of Water Quality-based Limitations for Living Organisms in Ballast Water Discharges

There is clear scientific evidence that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) performance standards are not a significant improvement over ballast water exchange (the current management practice). Studies have shown that some vessels could meet the IMO standards by simply conducting ballast water exchange, and some could meet it without conducting exchange at all (MEPC 2003, Minton et al. 2005). Therefore, adoption of the IMO standard does little to advance the protection of U.S. waters from NIS introductions.

If the EPA does not take a protective, pro-active, water-quality based approach to setting ballast water discharge standards in the U.S., we will be no closer to reaching the stated Clean Water Act goal of eliminating the discharge of pollutants into the Nation's navigable waters.

A Timely Implementation Schedule for Federal Performance Standards

Performance standards for the discharge of ballast water should be implemented for regulated vessels to control NIS discharges as soon as possible. A timely implementation schedule is critical, as many shipping companies will delay installing treatment systems until required to do so to meet federal requirements. In the meantime, vessels will continue to discharge NIS into U.S. waters. Given that San Francisco Bay is the most highly invaded estuary in North America, and perhaps the world, and that these invasive species cost the state millions of dollars each year in eradication and control costs, we cannot wait several more years for vessels to reach their next regularly scheduled dry-dock period before installing treatment systems. We encourage EPA to set a strict compliance schedule, such as that being implemented in California, based on vessels' year of construction and ballast water capacity.

Federal Management of Vessel Biofouling

By including ballast water management in the 2008 VGP, the EPA has made a clear commitment to manage the introduction of NIS from commercial shipping activities. In order to be effective, this management must include all vessel-mediated transfers of NIS, including vessel biofouling. Vessel biofouling has been identified as being at least as important, and possibly more important, than ballast water as a mechanism for marine NIS introductions in several regions, including California, Australia, North

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America, Hawaii and the North Sea (Ruiz et al. 2000, Eldredge and Carlton 2002, Gollasch 2002, Ruiz et al. 2011). Recent estimates suggest that vessel biofouling is responsible for 42.6% of all established coastal NIS throughout the world (Hewitt and Campbell 2010). The current VGP largely ignores the threat of species introductions from this vector. Because of the federal void in the management of this vector, Commission Staff is in the process of establishing regulations in California to manage the potential introduction of NIS from vessel biofouling. Staff encourages the EPA to incorporate biofouling management requirements into the next version of the VGP in order to protect U.S. waters from this important maritime vector of species introductions.

Commission staff believes that the combination of strong, water-quality based standards for limits on the numbers of living organisms in discharged ballast water, and tough management strategies to combat vessel biofouling will significantly enhance the power of the next Vessel General Permit to protect the Nation's waterways from the onslaught of species introductions. Commission staff has worked proactively to manage introductions from these vessel vectors in California waters, and we appreciate the opportunity to work cooperatively with the U.S. EPA to protect waters of the United States.

Thank you for consideration of these comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

CURTIS L. FOSSUM Executive Officer



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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

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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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

Executive Secretary

Attachment:

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Oct 7-Dec 4	100 th Session of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Council and High-Level Segment of the Council, Geneva
Nov 7-16*	Visit of President Cavaco Silva of Portugal to New York, Washington and San Jose
Nov 9-19	Visit of Secretary of State Clinton to Hawaii, the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia
Nov 12-15	Dubai Air Show, Dubai
Nov 13-15	India Economic Summit, Mumbai
Nov 14-15	Visit of Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano to Norway and Sweden
Nov 14-18 .	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Conference on Research Reactors, Rabat
Nov 14-18	International Education Week
Nov 14-20	Global Entrepreneurship Week
Nov 14-25	Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) 4 th Review Conference, Geneva

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Nov 15*	Tunisia Investment, Trade and Tourism Partnerships Forum, Washington
Nov 15*	Visit of Defense Minister Pinzon of Colombia to Washington
Nov 15-16	Africa Partnership Forum Fall Meeting, Addis Ababa
Nov 15-19	Visit of President Obama to Australia to Commemorate the 60 th Anniversary of the U.SAustralia Alliance and Indonesia for the East Asia Summit
Nov 16-17	Inaugural Meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's Sahel Working Group, Algiers
Nov 16-17	Multilateral Force Observers (MFO) Annual Trilateral Meetings, Rome
Nov 16-17*	Overseas Security Advisory Council's 26 th Annual Briefing, "Responding to Global Political Change," Washington
Nov 16-18	Bonn 2011 Conference: The Water, Energy and Food Security Nexis, Bonn
Nov 17	10 th Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia, New York
Nov 17-18	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors, Vienna
Nov 17-18	2011 Black Sea Energy and Economic Forum, Istanbul
Nov 17-18	Organization of American States 3 rd Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Science and Technology, Panama City

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Nov 17-18*	Major Economies Forum on Climate Change Meeting, Washington		
Nov 17-19	ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings, Bali		
Nov 19	East Asia Summit (EAS) Meeting, Bali		
Nov 20	Parliamentary Elections in Spain		
Nov 20-22	22 nd Session of the U.SChina Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT), Chengdu [Secretary of Commerce Bryson, U.S. Trade Representative Kirk, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack]		
Nov 20-25	23 rd Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (MOP-23) United Nations Environment Program, Bali		
Nov 21	Parliamentary Elections in the Marshall Islands		
Nov 21-22	Forum for the Future, Kuwait City		
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Nov 22	International Energy Forum (IEF) Executive Board Meeting, Riyadh		
Nov 23	10 th Anniversary Meeting of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, Strasbourg		
Nov 24	Presidential Elections in Gambia		
Nov 25	Parliamentary Elections in Morocco		
Nov 26	Parliamentary Elections in New Zealand		
Nov 28	Presidential and Legislative Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo		

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Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage One
Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Guyana
Nov 28*	U.SEU Summit, Washington
Nov 28*	Visit of President Barroso of the European Commission to Washington
Nov 28*	Visit of President Van Rompuy of the European Council to Washington
Nov 28-30	High-Level Expert Meeting on the Sustainable Use of Oceans, Monaco
Nov 28-Dec 2	11 th Meeting of State's Parties (MSP) on Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), Phnom Penh
Nov 28-Dec 9	17 th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United States Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7 th Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the Parties (CMP 7) to the Kyoto Protocol, Durban
Nov 29-Dec 1	4th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan
Nov 29*	Visit of Prime Minister Rutte of the Netherlands to Washington
Dec 1*(T)	U.SIsrael Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Dec 1*	Visit of President Schmitt of Hungary to Washington
Dec 3-4	World Climate Summit 2011, Durban
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Croatia
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Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Russia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Slovenia
Dec 5	International Afghanistan Conference, Bonn
Dec 5-6	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Proxy Actors in Cyberspace Workshop, Hoi An
Dec 6-7	Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Vilnius
Dec 7*	Visit of Prime Minister Harper of Canada to Washington
Dec 7	U.SChina Defense Consultative Talks, Beijing
Dec 7-8	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Foreign Ministers Meeting, Brussels
Dec 7-8	60 th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50 th Anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness Ministerial-Level Meeting, Geneva
Dec 8-9	4 th Bali Democracy Forum: "Enhancing Democratic Participation in a Changing World: Responding to Democratic Voices," Bali
Dec 9	Ministerial Conference on Internet Freedom, The Hague
Dec 10	Presidential Inauguration in Argentina
Dec 11(T)	Parliamentary Elections in Cote d'Ivoire
Dec 11-13	4 th Annual Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Doha
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Dec 12*	Visit of Prime Minister al-Maliki of Iraq to Washington
Dec 12-19	World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference, Geneva
Dec 13-15	Plenary Session of the Wassenaar Arrangement, Vienna
Dec 14	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 2
Dec 14-15*	International Engagement Conference for the Republic of South Sudan (RoSS), Washington
Dec 15*	Inaugural Women in Public Service Project Conference, Washington
Dec 17	Parliamentary Elections in Gabon
Dec 20	Presidential Swearing-in in Democratic Republic of Congo
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Jan 3	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 3
Jan 14	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Taiwan
Jan 16	Presidential Inauguration in Liberia
Jan 16-19	5 th World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi
Jan 22	Presidential Elections in Finland-1 st Round
Jan 22	Legislative Elections in Egypt-1 st Round
Jan 23-Feb 17	World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12), Geneva
Jan 25-29	World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos-Klosters
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Jan 26-27*(T)	U.SPhilippines Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Feb 3-5	48 th Munich Security Conference, Munich
Feb 5	Presidential Elections in Finland-2 nd Round
Feb 12	Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan
Feb 16	Paris Pact Ministerial, Vienna
Feb 19	Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)
Feb 26	Presidential Elections in Senegal
Feb 27-28	Mobile World Conference, Barcelona
Mar TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt
Mar 4	Presidential Elections in Russia
Mar 5-9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Mar 8-9	4 th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Intersessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament, Sydney
Mar 10	Parliamentary Elections in Slovakia
Mar 11	Legislative Elections in El Salvador
Mar 12-14	International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting, Kuwait City
Mar 12-17	6 th World Water Forum, Marseille

Mar 24	Legislative Elections in Gambia
Mar 26-27	2 nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul
Mar 29	Parliamentary Elections in Iran
Apr 3-5	Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town
Apr 14-15	6 th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena
Apr 16-18	World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta
Apr 18-19	Clean Energy Ministerial, London
Apr 22	Presidential Elections in France-1 st Round
Apr 23	Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius
Apr 29	Presidential Elections in Mali-1st Round
May 6	Presidential Elections in France-2 nd Round
May 9-11	World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa
May 12-Aug 12	Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast
May 13	Presidential Elections in Mali-2 nd Round
May 15-22	NATO/G-8 Summits, Chicago
May 16	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic
May 18-19	2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London
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May 28-30	3 rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30-Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31-Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
Jun 4-6	UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro
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 10	Legislative Elections in France-1 st Round
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2 nd Round
Jun 19-21	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul
Jul 1	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico
Jul 1	Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1 st Round
Jul 8-10	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
Jul 21-25(T)	19 th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Phnom Penh

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Jul 22	Parliamentary Elections in Mali-2 nd Round
Jul 22-27*	International AIDS Conference, Washington
Jul 27-Aug 12	XXX Summer Olympic Games, London
Aug 14	Presidential Elections in Kenya-1 st Round
Aug 29-Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London
Sep 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Sept 17-21	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna
Oct 7	Presidential Elections in Venezuela
Oct 8	Presidential Elections in Slovenia
Oct 28	Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine
Nov 18-20(T)	21 st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, Phnom Penh
Nov 29-30	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Tribal Councils Served by BBNA:

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Dear Ms. Jackson:

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Enclosed please find resolutions 2011-16 and 2011-24. These resolutions were passed during the Iliamna

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Full Board of Directors meeting of the Bristol Bay Native Association, September 23, 2011 BBNA, the regional non-profit of the Bristol Bay region, represents 31 tribes.

These resolutions represent a formal statement of considered opinion, intent, and resolve of the

Association and its tribes. We have taken this action out of concern for our social, economic, and cultural will being. We communicate these statements to inform you as to our position and

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Sincerely,

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BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION Nondalton

to earnestly solicit your assistance in our efforts.

Pedro Bay

Perryville

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Ralph Andersen Chief Executive Officer

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Subject: DRF - Keystone XL tar sands pipeline

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

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

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October 31, 2011

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

Dear Administrator Jackson.

Thank you for your leadership at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Since the Obama Administration took office, the EPA has taken unprecedented steps to protect public health by reducing the many harmful effects of pollution.

The Agency has an impressive record, including increased fuel efficiency, tighter controls on toxic power plant emissions, and new rules that will positively impact our air and water in Texas. It is my sincere hope that the Obama Administration will continue to demonstrate leadership in moving our country toward a clean energy future.

However, we are concerned that the proposed Keystone XL tar sands pipeline from Canada to Texas, unless properly regulated, could sidetrack our country's transition to clean energy. This proposed pipeline deserves extra scrutiny because of the long-term risks it poses to Texas' air, land and water resources.

We appreciate your thoughtful reviews of and specific concerns about the U.S. State Department's Draft and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements. Specifically, your June 6, 2011 letter to the State Department stated the following,

"As explained in this letter, we have a number of concerns regarding the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project, as well as the level of analysis and information provided concerning those impacts. Our concerns include the potential impacts to groundwater resources from spills, as well as effects on emission levels at refineries in the Gulf Coast. In addition, we are concerned about levels of GHG emissions associated with the proposed Project, and whether appropriate mitigation measures to reduce these emissions are being considered. Moreover, the SDEIS does not contain sufficient information to fully assess the environmental impacts of the proposed Project, including potential impacts to groundwater resources and communities that could be affected by potential increases in refinery emissions."

Our concern is that the Final EIS released by the State Department in August does not sufficiently address the concerns you outlined in your previous assessments of the DEIS and SEIS. We have additional concerns, to those you raised, specifically related to Texas. The FEIS does not fully assess the following threats:

- 1. the impact of hazardous tar sands oil spills on our drinking water, including the Carizzo-Wilcox aquifer, the third largest in the state;
- 2. the uncertainty over the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's authority to grant pending water permit applications for this project, considering the projected long-term drought of record the state is currently experiencing;
- the uncertainty surrounding eminent domain rights associated with the proposed route of this international pipeline within and without local jurisdictions in Texas; and
- 4. the global impacts of Canadian tar sand development on extreme weather events specific to Texas (note: the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is scheduled to release a new report on this topic in November 2011).

We understand that, pursuant to Executive Order 13337, the Department of State is required to consult with the EPA to determine whether or not this project is consistent with our national interests. Consequently, we ask that you formally request the State Department to conduct further environmental analysis and provide additional information on the issues outlined above before making a final recommendation to President Obama on this project..

If you would like more information or to discuss our concerns in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us at 512-463-0631.

Sincerely,

Donna Howard

State Representative, H.D. 48

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Eileen Claussen

November 22, 2011

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson United States Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Lisa,

I want to make sure you heard about the Pew Center's transition and name change – to the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES). We look forward to working with you to ensure safe, reliable, affordable energy for all, while protecting the global climate. Please let me know if you have any questions about our transition or any of our work.

Sincerely,

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Citizen Information

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

RE

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November 23, 2011

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The Honorable Darrell Issa Chairman, Oversight and Government Reform Committee 2471 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable David Vitter U.S. Senate SH-516 Hart Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe US Senate SR-205 Rayburn Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Issa, Senator Vitter, and Senator Inhofe:

I write in response to your letter dated October 18, 2011, raising concerns with the quality of scientific work being conducted in federal agencies. The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) appreciates the opportunity to address your concerns.

Congress has charged OSTP with several important missions relating to federal science and technology policies and programs. The "primary function" of our Office is to provide advice to the President and others in the Executive Office of the President (EOP) on the "scientific, engineering, and technological aspects of issues that require attention at the highest levels of Government." 42 U.S.C. § 6613(a). We are also responsible for "evaluating the scale, quality, and effectiveness of the Federal effort in science and technology," and assisting with "general leadership and coordination of the research and development programs of the Federal Government." 42 U.S.C. § 6613(b). These wide-reaching statutory responsibilities demand that OSTP carefully focus its limited resources and rely heavily on the expertise and experience of federal agencies.

In its statutory leadership role, OSTP has placed a special emphasis on promoting policies that enhance scientific integrity. Sound science and technology are essential to achieving a broad range of national goals: driving economic growth and job creation; helping Americans live longer, healthier lives; developing clean sources of energy that reduce our dependence on foreign oil; protecting our environment for future generations of Americans; strengthening national and homeland security; and more. Realizing the potential of science and technology to help achieve these goals requires that the Administration's decisions about public

policy be guided by the most accurate and objective scientific advice available. The public must be able to trust that advice and be confident that public officials will not conceal or distort the scientific findings that are relevant to policy choices.

In his March 9, 2009, memorandum, President Obama set forth six guiding principles on scientific integrity for the Executive Branch and assigned to the Director of OSTP "the responsibility for ensuring the highest level of integrity in all aspects of the executive branch's involvement with scientific and technological processes." I take my responsibility for ensuring scientific integrity in the executive branch very seriously, and issued a memorandum on December 17, 2010, to provide further guidance to Executive Branch departments and agencies on implementing the Administration's policies in this area. Since I issued that memorandum, and in cooperation with my office, agencies throughout the Executive Branch have reexamined their practices and policies on scientific integrity and drafted new or revised policies to meet the standards set by this Administration.

OSTP is currently reviewing the draft policies crafted by each agency pursuant to the December 17, 2010, memorandum. Some of these policies are now in final form, and others are well on their way to completion. I have set a deadline of December 17, 2011, for departments and agencies to submit draft versions of their final policies to my office. The six principles prescribed by the President in his March 9, 2009, Presidential Memorandum have been in effect since that date, setting the tone for this Administration's very strong commitment to scientific integrity.

An important part of each agency's commitment to scientific integrity is its response to allegations of scientific misconduct within the agency. Indeed, in his March 9, 2009 Memorandum, the President directed that "[e]ach agency . . . have in place procedures to identify and address instances in which the scientific process or the integrity of scientific and technological information may be compromised." Your letter raised specific concerns about several incidents of alleged scientific misconduct in federal agencies. Because the relevant federal agencies are in the best position to address these incidents, OSTP respectfully refers you to those agencies for further information on the specific cases raised in your letter.

I appreciate your recognition of the United States government's important role in scientific research and development, and the indispensable contribution it makes to our nation's continued economic, technological, and military leadership. Every day, federal scientists pursue a broad range of high quality, high value research across federal agencies and labs. Scientific integrity is a pillar of those efforts and of our nation's leadership. Government scientists must be free to pursue the truth without pressure to reach certain results, and must be free from unfair political attacks by those who find valid scientific results inconvenient for their agenda. OSTP shares your commitment to these goals.

John P. Holdren
Director

The Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary, Department of Energy Cc: The Honorable Ken Salazar, Secretary, Department of the Interior The Honorable David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency Dr. Paul Anastas, Science Adviser, Environmental Protection Agency The Honorable Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

Stephen D. Mull Executive Secretary

Attachment:

As stated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Oct 7 - Dec 4	100th Session of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Council and High-Level Segment of the Council, Geneva
Oct 25 - Nov 10	36th Session of the General Conference of the UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris
Nov 1-2	London International Cyber Conference, London
Nov 1	U.SIreland Research and Development Partnership Steering Group Meeting, Dublin
Nov 1*	Visit of Prime Minister Trovoada of Sao Tome and Principe to Washington
Nov 2	Istanbul Conference for Afghanistan: Security and Cooperation in the Heart of Asia, Istanbul
Nov 2	Canada-U.S. Partnership: Enhancing the Innovation Ecosystem, Ottawa
Nov 3-4	G-20 Summit, Cannes
Nov 3-4	Visit of President Obama to France
Nov 3*	Inaugural Meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's Criminal Justice and Rule of Law Working Group, Washington

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Nov 4*	Visit of Foreign Minister Sovndal of Denmark to Washington
Nov 6	Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Nicaragua
Nov 6	Presidential Elections in Guatemala-2nd Round
Nov 7-9	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC) IV, Honolulu
Nov 7-16*	Visit of President Cavaco Silva of Portugal to New York, Washington and San Jose
Nov 7*	Visit of NATO Secretary-General Rasmussen to Washington
Nov 8-9	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Concluding Senior Officials Meeting and Related Meetings, Honolulu
Nov 8-10	IV High Level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One (DaO)-Montevideo Conference, Montevideo
Nov 8	Presidential Elections in Liberia-2nd Round
Nov 8-11	International Forum on Women and Sustainable Development, Beijing
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign Minister Maiga of Mali to Washington
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign MInister Bazoum of Niger to Washington
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign Minister Hamadi of Mauritania to Washington

LOOKING FORWARD

Nov 9*	U.SVietnam Human Rights Dialogue, Washington
Nov 9-25	Meeting of the High Contracting Parties to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) and Related Protocols, Geneva

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Nov 10	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial, Honolulu
Nov 10-11	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit, Honolulu
Nov 10-11	17th Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Addu City
Nov 10	3rd International Space Exploration Conference/High-Level International Space Exploration Meeting, Lucca
Nov 11	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 11-12	East-West Center Pacific Islands Nations Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 12-13	19th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 12-15	Dubai Air Show
Nov 12-15 Nov 13-15	Dubai Air Show India Economic Summit, Mumbai
Nov 13-15	India Economic Summit, Mumbai
Nov 13-15 Nov 13	India Economic Summit, Mumbai North American Leaders Summit (NALS), Honolulu International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Conference
Nov 13-15 Nov 13 Nov 14-18	India Economic Summit, Mumbai North American Leaders Summit (NALS), Honolulu International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Conference on Research Reactors, Rabat
Nov 13-15 Nov 13 Nov 14-18	India Economic Summit, Mumbai North American Leaders Summit (NALS), Honolulu International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Conference on Research Reactors, Rabat International Education Week

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Nov 15-19	Visit of President Obama to Australia to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the U.SAustralia Alliance and Indonesia for the East Asia Summit
Nov 16-18	Bonn 2011 Conference: The Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus, Bonn
Nov 16-17	Inaugural Meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's Sahel Working Group, Algiers
Nov 17-18	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Nov 17-19	ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings, Bali
Nov 17-18	2011 Black Sea Energy and Economic Forum, Istanbul
Nov 17	10th Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia, New York
Nov 19	East Asia Summit (EAS) Meeting, Bali
Nov 20	Parliamentary Elections in Spain
Nov 21	Parliamentary Elections in the Marshall Islands
Nov 21-22	Forum for the Future, Kuwait City
Nov 22	International Energy Forum (IEF) Executive Board Meeting, Riyadh
Nov 23	10th Anniversary Meeting of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, Strasbourg
Nov 24	Presidential Elections in Gambia

Nov 25	Parliamentary Elections in Morocco
Nov 26	Parliamentary Elections in New Zealand
Nov 28 (T)	Presidential and Legislative Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Nov 28 - Dec 9	17th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the Parties (CMP 7) to the Kyoto Protocol, Durban
Nov 28 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage One
Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Guyana
Nov 28-30	High Level Expert Meeting on the Sustainable Use of Oceans, Monaco
Nov 29 - Dec 1	4th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan
Dec 1* (T)	U.SIsrael Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Croatia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Russia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Slovenia
Dec 5-22	Biological Weapons Convention 7th Review Conference, Geneva
Dec 5	International Afghanistan Conference, Bonn
Dec 5-6	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Proxy Actors in Cyberspace Workshop, Hoi An

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	Dec 6-7	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Vilnius		
	Dec 7-8	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Foreign Ministers Meeting, Brussels		
	Dec 7-8	60th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50th Anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness Ministerial-level Meeting, Geneva		
	Dec 9	Ministerial Conference on Internet Freedom, The Hague		
	Dec 10	Presidential Inauguration in Argentina		
	Dec 11 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Cote d'Ivoire		
	Dec 11-13	4th Annual Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Doha		
	Dec 12-19	World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference, Geneva		
	Dec 13*	International Engagement Conference for the Republic of South Sudan (RoSS), Washington		
	Dec 13-15	Plenary Session of the Wassenaar Arrangement, Vienna		
	Dec 14	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 2		
	Dec 17	Parliamentary Elections in Gabon		
2012	Jan 3	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 3		
	Jan 14	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Taiwan		
	Jan 16-19	5th World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi		

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Jan 16	Presidential Inauguration in Liberia			
Jan 22	Presidential Elections in Finland-1st Round			
Jan 22	Legislative Elections in Egypt-1st Round			
Jan 23 - Feb 17	World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12), Geneva			
Jan 25-29	World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos-Klosters			
Jan 26-27* (T)	U.SPhilippines Strategic Dialogue, Washington			
Feb 3-5	48th Munich Security Conference, Munich			
Feb 5	Presidential Elections in Finland-2nd Round			
Feb 12	Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan			
Feb 26	Presidential Elections in Senegal			
Feb 27-28	Mobile World Conference, Barcelona			
Mar TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt			
Mar 4	Presidential Elections in Russia			
Mar 5-9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna			
Mar 8-9	4th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, Sydney			
Mar 11	Legislative Elections in El Salvador			

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Mar 10	Parliamentary Elections in Slovakia		
Mar 12-17	6th World Water Forum, Marseille		
Mar 12-14	International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting, Kuwait City		
Mar 24	Legislative Elections in Gambia		
Mar 26-27	2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul		
Mar 29	Parliamentary Elections in Iran		
Apr 3-5	Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town		
Apr 14-15	6th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena		
Apr 16-18	World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta		
Apr 18-19	Clean Energy Ministerial, London		
Apr 22	Presidential Elections in France-1st Round		
Apr 23	Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius		
May 6	Presidential Elections in France-2nd Round		
May 9-11	World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa		
May 12 - Aug 12	Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast		
May 15-22	NATO/G-8 Summits, Chicago		
May 16	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic		

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May 18-19	2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London
May 28-30	3rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30 - Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31 - Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
Jun 4-6	UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro
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 10	Legislative Elections in France-1st Round
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2nd Round
Jun 19-21	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul
Jul 1	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico
Jul 8-10	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
Jul 21-25 (T)	19th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Phnom Penh
Jul 22-27*	International AIDS Conference, Washington

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Jul 27 - Aug 12	XXX Summer Olympic Games, London
Aug 14	Presidential Elections in Kenya-1st Round
Aug 29 - Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London
Sep 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Sep 17-21	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna
Oct 7	Presidential Elections in Venezuela
Oct 8	Presidential Elections in Slovenia
Oct 28	Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine
Nov 18-20 (T)	21st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, Phnom Penh
Nov 29-30	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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OCHP - Office of Children's Health Protection

OCR - Office of Civil Rights

OCSPP - OCSPP - Immediate Office

OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

OECA - OECA -- Immediate Office
OES - Office of Executive Services
OEX - Office of the Executive Secretariat
OFACMO - Office of Federal Advisory

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

SUBJECT: Semiannual Report to Congress and Compendium

TO: Lisa P. Jackson

Administrator

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Attached is our *Semiannual Report to Congress*, as required by the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (IG Act). This report provides a summary of our work for the prior 6-month period ending September 30, 2011. Also included is our *Compendium of Unimplemented Recommendations*, which provides the information required in Appendix 3 of our Semiannual Report on significant recommendations in which corrective actions have not been completed as of September 30, 2011. Additional copies of these reports were provided to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations on October 31, 2011.

The IG Act requires that you forward these reports to Congress within 30 days. The IG Act also allows you to enclose separately any comments you may deem appropriate. I ask that you notify my office once these reports have been transmitted to Congress.

I am available to discuss any issues or concerns you may have about these reports.

Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.

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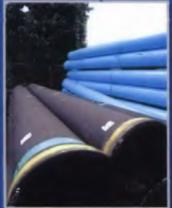


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Abbreviations

ADH	Arkansas Department of Health
BEI	Bennett Environmental, Inc.
CAFO	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CSB	U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board
DCAA	Defense Contract Audit Agency
DPL	Department of Public Lands (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FY	Fiscal year
IDEQ	Idaho Department of Environmental Quality
OARM	Office of Administration and Resources Management
OGD	Office of Grants and Debarment
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget

Cover photos:

An assortment of images related to work done by the EPA Office of Inspector General during the semiannual reporting period. Clockwise, from top left: the Deepwater Horizon platform fire (EPA photo); a farmer spraying pesticides (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences photo); an image of the earth (National Aeronautics and Space Administration digital image); pipes for a Recovery Act clean water project (EPA OIG photo); and oil collected in bags for landfill disposal (EPA photo).

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Message to Congress

During this semiannual period, I completed my first full year as the Inspector General of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This Semiannual Report to Congress contains the results of our work for the reporting period April 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011. While we conducted work in numerous areas, several themes were prominent. In addition to our mandatory work, we performed multiple reviews related to issues of concern to policy makers and the American people: climate change, the ongoing cleanup of the Gulf Coast oil spill, the spending of stimulus funds, and homeland security.

I am pleased to announce that as part of our planning efforts, we have developed the framework for a new strategic plan for the Office of Inspector General. The framework includes a new vision and mission, as well as new values, goals, and objectives, which we will use to guide our organization as we strive to perform at the highest level possible.



Arthur A. Elkins, Jr.

In September 2011, we reported on our review of EPA's process leading to its greenhouse gases endangerment finding. We determined that EPA met statutory requirements for rulemaking. However, whether EPA's review of its technical support document met requirements for peer review depends on whether the technical support document is considered a highly influential scientific assessment; we believe it is, but the Agency disagreed. In another review, we found that EPA has plans to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions as required by Executive Order 13514, but funding for some of the projects in the plan has not been authorized or appropriated by Congress, which may adversely impact the Agency's ability to meet its goals.

We conducted four separate reviews of EPA's cleanup efforts related to the April 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling unit explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. EPA helped shape the federal government's requirements for BP's waste management activities, but EPA did not have adequate waste management guidance for a spill of this magnitude in place at the time. EPA had limited cash on hand to fund its response work and, despite receiving a cash advance of \$32 million from the Coast Guard, EPA incurred an Anti-Deficiency Act violation. EPA also temporarily charged non-oil-spill funds such as Superfund, and reprogrammed funds to its response work, but this resulted in a purpose violation because the Superfund cannot be used for oil spill response. We concluded that EPA needs a new approach to enable it to fund emergency responses to oil spills. Our work also indicated that EPA would have had better efficacy data on dispersants available if it had updated the National Contingency Plan to include a more reliable testing procedure.

We conducted various reviews and investigations regarding EPA's disbursement of funds received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). We found that EPA's oversight process for Clean Water State Revolving Fund projects cannot ensure that states are complying with Recovery Act requirements. In addition, EPA faced multiple constraints that limited its ability to target funds to preserve and create jobs. Site visits at various projects showed incorrect usage of work-hour data to calculate jobs created or retained, and potential noncompliance with Buy American requirements. As a result of our investigative efforts, one contractor settled a civil case involving violations of Buy American provisions and another contractor pleaded guilty to submitting false contractor bonds.

Regarding homeland security, we found that EPA needs a better national system to track emergency response equipment. Further, EPA has not addressed open recommendations regarding cyber security, and needs classification guides for national security information.

In other reviews, we identified \$6.6 million of potentially unneeded funds that could be deobligated for three operator certification expense reimbursement grants; found that EPA was not recovering all reasonable motor vehicle and engine compliance program costs; and found that EPA has not collected comprehensive workload data or conducted workload analyses across EPA in approximately 20 years.

Our investigation activities resulted in the conviction of four individuals in connection with a bid rigging case in New Jersey; convictions of two state employees in a case involving travel fraud in Arkansas; and the conviction of two individuals in Idaho for defrauding the state by using EPA funds in an illegal scheme to install diesel emission reduction equipment on school buses.

The EPA Inspector General also serves as the Inspector General for the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. During the semiannual reporting period we issued two management challenges to the Board that highlighted the need for the Board to clarify its statutory mandate and promulgate a chemical incident reporting regulation.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation to the Agency and Congress for their support of the work of the Office of Inspector General. We have made great progress and I look forward to fulfilling the new Office of Inspector General vision of being the best in public service and oversight for a better environment tomorrow.

Arthur A. Elkins, Jr. Inspector General

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October 27, 2011

Ms. Lisa P. Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with the Japanese Delegation when the delegation recently visited the United States to investigate the current situation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Station and nuclear policies in the United States.

It was most rewarding for the delegation to frankly exchange views based on your experiences. I will do my utmost in my various activities as a member of the Diet to utilize the knowledge that I obtained in this visit.

Thanking you once again for your warm welcome, I send my best wishes for continued success and progress in your activities.

Sincerely yours,

MASHIKO Teruhiko

Leader

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

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Addressee:AD-AdministratorAddressee Org:EPAContact Type:LTR (Letter)Priority Code:NormalSignature:SNR-Signature Not RequiredSignature Date:N/A

File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy

Subject: DRF - Thank you to the Administrator for speaking at our Fall for Wildlife reception at the

Harvard Club

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: N/A

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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Supporting Author: N/A

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November 2, 2011

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Mail Code 1101A Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of host, NWF Board Chair, Steve Allinger and myself, I'd like to thank you so much for speaking at our Fall for Wildlife reception at the Harvard Club. Your presence and inspiring remarks were the highlights of the evening. I especially appreciated your acknowledgement of NWF's efforts to make our conservation work relevant to people in diverse communities across the country, including the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans. We remain committed to this and see it as one of the greatest challenges facing the conservation movement.

We, of course, have a tremendous amount of work to do in the weeks and months ahead in defense of our air, water, wildlife and climate, but feel fortunate to have someone as dedicated and unwavering as you at the helm of the Environmental Protection Agency.

I look forward to continuing our close partnership with the EPA and hope you will not hesitate to let me know how I can be helpful in the future.

Once again, enormous thanks for joining us last month and for your exceptional leadership of the EPA.

Larry J. Schweiger President and CEO

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Deutch, John

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

Control Information

Control Number:AX-11-001-8798Alternate Number:N/AStatus:For Your InformationClosed Date:N/ADue Date:N/A# of Extensions:0

Letter Date: Nov 1, 2011 Received Date: Nov 7, 2011

Addressee:DA-Deputy AdministratorAddressee Org:EPAContact Type:LTR (Letter)Priority Code:NormalSignature:SNR-Signature Not RequiredSignature Date:N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File -Thank you meeting the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale Gas

Subcommittee to discuss EPA work on hydraulic fracturing issues and progress in

implementing the Subcommittee's recommendations

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: ORD - Office of Research and Development -- Immediate Office

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Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

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November 1, 2011

DAILY READING FILE

The Honorable Bob Perciasepe Deputy Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

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Dear Mr. Perciasepe:

Thank you for meeting again with the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Shale

Gas Subcommittee to discuss your agency's work on hydraulic fracturing issues and
your progress in implementing the Subcommittee's recommendations. We are most
appreciative that you continue to make yourself available to brief the Subcommittee.

We look forward to continuing to work with you. Please do not hesitate to contact
me if you have a matter that needs my attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Deutch

cc: Secretary Chu



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Rondeau, A.E.

Organization: Department of Defense

Address: National Defense University, Washington, DC 20319

Constituent: N/A

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

Control Information

Control Number: AX-11-001-8805 Alternate Number: N/A
Status: For Your Information Closed Date: N/A
Due Date: N/A # of Extensions: 0

Letter Date: Nov 1, 2011 Received Date: Nov 8, 2011

Addressee: DA-Deputy Administrator Addressee Org: EPA
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Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required Signature Date: N/A
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Subject: DRF - Invitation to nominate future leaders to participate in the fifth year of the Program for

Emerging Leaders, an initiative of the Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction at

National Defense University

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

OHS - Office of Homeland Security

Lead Information

Lead Author: N/A

Lead Assignments:

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Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON DC 20319-5066 November 1, 2011

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DAILY READING FILE

The Honorable Robert W. Perciasepe Deputy Administrator Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Perciasepe:

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I am pleased to invite you to nominate future leaders to participate in the fifth year of the Program for Emerging Leaders (PEL), an initiative of the Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction at National Defense University. PEL offers a valuable professional development opportunity that allows personnel to participate with minimal disruption to their duties.

The Program for Emerging Leaders seeks to identify, shape and support a community of next generation leaders from across government with interest in countering the unique threats of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). The goal is to provide members with a foundation for thinking about WMD, so they are able to better serve the U.S. government during their careers. Nominees should be early to mid-career professionals, either military or civilian, whom you expect to continue their careers in government in the coming years and become leaders in their organizations.

Last year, over 200 applicants were considered for the program from the Defense Department and other federal agencies. From this well-qualified group, 32 military and civilian personnel were invited to join the Program. This year's membership will be limited to approximately 25 people, so once again candidate selection is expected to be very competitive. Members will be selected based largely on their leadership potential and interest in WMD-related issues. However, current WMD expertise is not a prerequisite. The selection committee will pay close attention to letters of nomination and personal statements in determining acceptance.

Applications for the Program for Emerging Leaders are due no later than 15 February 2012. The first event will be a one-week immersion in WMD-related issues to be held 18-22 June 2012 at Ft. McNair in Washington, DC. Subsequent workshops and seminars will be held throughout the remainder of the three-year program.

Please take advantage of this opportunity by nominating outstanding candidates for PEL. More information is provided in the attached flyer or your staff can also reach the incoming PEL Director, Dr. Margaret Sloane, at Margaret.Sloane@ndu.edu or by phone at 202-433-4914.

A. E. Rondeau

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy

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President

Enclosure: Program Flyer



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Moure-Eraso, Rafael

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Constituent: N/A

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

Control Information

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Directors and other personnel.

Subject: DRF - Recommend the EPA publish a safety alert directed to owner and operators of

exploration and production facilities with flammable storage tanks, advising them of their general duty clause responsibilities for accident prevention under the Clean Air Act

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

Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A

CC: OAR - Office of Air and Radiation -- Immediate Office

OCSPP - OCSPP - Immediate Office

OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education ORD - Office of Research and Development -- Immediate Office

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Supporting Author: N/A

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In reply, please refer to: CSB Recommendation No. 2011-H-1-R01

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson Administrator Environmental Protection Agency Mailcode 1101 M 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW Washington DC 20460

NOV 3 2011

Dear Ms. Jackson:

On October 31, 2009, two teenagers, aged 16 and 18, were killed when a petroleum storage tank exploded in a rural oil field in Carnes, Mississippi. Six months later a group of young adults and teenagers were exploring a similar tank site in Weleetka, Oklahoma, when an explosion and fire fatally injured one individual. Two weeks later, a 25-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman were on top of an oil tank in rural New London, Texas, when the tank exploded, killing the woman and seriously injuring the man.

In April 2010, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) initiated an investigation into the root causes of these tragic incidents. All three incidents involved rural unmanned oil and gas storage sites that lacked fencing and signs warning of the hazards, which might have otherwise deterred members of the public from using them as places to gather. As part of its investigation, the CSB identified 26 similar incidents between 1983 and 2010, which resulted in a total of 44 fatalities and 25 injuries. All the victims were 25 years of age or less.

The CSB also reviewed a number of environmental statutes relevant to oil and gas production, including the Clean Air Act (CAA); the Clean Water Act (CWA); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for provisions related to protection of human health. The CSB found that many of these statutes contain various exemptions applicable to oil and gas well sites, but that the general duty clause introduced in 1990 by the Clean Air Act Amendments applies to extremely hazardous substances. As the hydrocarbons stored at these oil exploration and production (E&P) facilities meet the definition of extremely hazardous substances, based on its flammable properties, the CSB concluded they would be subject to the CAAA general duty clause, which holds owners and operators responsible for preventing chemical accidents involving these substances.

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Based on the findings of the investigation, the Board voted on September 30, 2011 to recommend the following to the Environmental Protection Agency:

CSB Recommendation No. 2011-H-1-R01:

Publish a safety alert directed to owners and operators of exploration and production facilities with flammable storage tanks, advising them of their general duty clause responsibilities for accident prevention under the Clean Air Act. At a minimum, the safety alert should:

- a) Warn that storage tanks at unmanned facilities may be subject to tampering or introduction of ignition sources by members of the public, which could result in a tank explosion or other accidental release to the environment
- b) Recommend the use of inherently safer storage tank design features to reduce the likelihood of explosions, including restrictions on the use of open vents for flammable hydrocarbons, flame arrestors, pressure vacuum vent valves, floating roofs, vapor recovery systems or an equivalent alternative.
- c) Describe sufficient security measures to prevent non-employee access to flammable storage tanks, including such measures as a full fence surrounding the tank with locked gate, hatch locks on tank manways, and barriers securely attached to tank external ladders or stairways
- d) Recommend that hazard signs or placards be displayed on or near tanks to identify the fire and explosion hazards using words and symbols recognizable by the general public

A more detailed rationale for these recommendations and all recommendations issued pursuant to this investigation can be found in the enclosed investigation report, which is also available on our website (www.csb.gov).

The CSB assigns a status to its recommendations depending on the action(s) proposed and taken by recipients. Briefly, the recommendation status designates a recommendation as either open or closed. All new recommendations are designated with the status "Open- Awaiting Response." Where a recipient indicates to the Board a planned action that would satisfy the objective of the recommendation upon completion, the Board may vote to advance a recommendation to the interim status of "Open-Acceptable Response or Alternate Response."

Before a recommendation may be designated with the status "Closed- Acceptable Action," the CSB requires that the recipient provide adequate documentation that the recommendation has been implemented. The current status of all recommendations is posted on the CSB website, where more information on the Recommendations process is also available (see "Frequently Asked Questions" under the Recommendations tab on the webpage).

To facilitate advancement and/or closure of this recommendation, Mr. Mark Kaszniak, Senior Chemical Safety Recommendations Specialist will be in touch with you or your representative regarding your actions pursuant to the CSB's recommendation. In your response, kindly indicate the person on your staff who can serve as your point of contact.

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

The Board would appreciate a response regarding the actions that EPA has taken (or is contemplating taking) concerning these recommendations as soon as possible, but no later than 180 days from receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions or need further information, please have your staff contact Mr. Kaszniak at (202) 261-7654, or by e-mail at mark.kaszniak@csb.gov. In all future correspondence pertaining to this recommendation, please refer to recommendation number: **2011-H-1-R01** and copy Mr. Kaszniak.

Sincerely,

Rafael Moure-Eraso, PhD, CIH

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Chairperson

Enclosure

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Mark Kaszniak, Senior Chemical Safety Recommendations Specialist, CSB



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Citizen Information

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Constituent: Brown, Jewel

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

Control Information

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Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File- SBU/FOUO: Memo from Department of State Exec Sec Stephen D. Mull

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Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A General Notes: N/A

CC: Linda Huffman - OECA

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATHAN D. TIBBITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

Stephen D. Mull Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Oct 7 - Dec 4	100th Session of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Council and High-Level Segment of the Council, Geneva
Oct 25 - Nov 10	36th Session of the General Conference of the UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris
Nov 6-11	Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Operational Experts Group Meeting, Berlin
Nov 7-9	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC) IV, Honolulu
Nov 7-16*	Visit of President Cavaco Silva of Portugal to New York, Washington and San Jose
Nov 7*	Visit of NATO Secretary-General Rasmussen to Washington
Nov 7-10	29th Annual Trilateral Pre-Conference and Conference [France, Japan, U.S.], Saint-Germain-en-Laye, Paris
Nov 7-8	10th United Nations-Republic of Korea Joint Conference on Disarmament and Nonproliferation, Jeju
Nov 7-8*	2011 Fall Defense Trade Export Licensing Conference, Washington

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Nov 8-9	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Concluding Senior Officials Meeting and Related Meetings, Honolulu
Nov 8-10	IV High Level Intergovernmental Conference on Delivering as One (DaO)-Montevideo Conference, Montevideo
Nov 8	Presidential Elections in Liberia-2nd Round
Nov 8-11	International Forum on Women and Sustainable Development, Beijing
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign Minister Maiga of Mali to Washington
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign Minister Bazoum of Niger to Washington
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign Minister Hamadi of Mauritania to Washington
Nov 8	U.SEU Strategic Dialogue on Humanitarian Assistance, Brussels
Nov 8*	Visit of Prime Minister Salih of the Kurdistan Regional Government to Washington
Nov 8*	Visit of Foreign Minister Choquehuanca of Bolivia to Washington to Sign the U.SBolivia Framework Agreement
Nov 8*	U.SEU Counterterrorism Dialogue, Washington
Nov 9*	U.SVietnam Human Rights Dialogue, Washington
Nov 10	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial, Honolulu
Nov 10-11	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) CEO Summit, Honolulu

Nov 10-11	17th Meeting of the Heads of State and Government of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Addu City
Nov 10	3rd International Space Exploration Conference/High-Level International Space Exploration Meeting, Lucca
Nov 10	2nd Annual U.SCaribbean Security Cooperation Dialogue, Nassau
Nov 11	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 11-12	East-West Center Pacific Islands Nations Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 11	Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) Amended Protocol II 13th Annual Conference of States Parties, Geneva
Nov 11	2nd Bilateral Dialogue of the U.SChina Women's Leadership Exchange and Dialogue (WomenLEAD) Initiative, Beijing
Nov 12-13	19th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting, Honolulu
Nov 12-15	Dubai Air Show, Dubai
Nov 13-15	India Economic Summit, Mumbai
Nov 13	North American Leaders Summit (NALS), Honolulu
Nov 14-18	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) International Conference on Research Reactors, Rabat
Nov 14-18	International Education Week
Nov 14 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Guyana

Nov 14-20	Global Entrepreneurship Week
Nov 14-25	Convention of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) 4th Review Conference, Geneva

LOOKING FORWARD

Nov 15-19	Visit of President Obama to Australia to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the U.SAustralia Alliance and Indonesia for the East Asia Summit
Nov 15*	Visit of Defense Minister Pinzon of Colombia to Washington
Nov 15-16	Africa Partnership Forum Fall Meeting, Addis Ababa
Nov 16-18	Bonn 2011 Conference: The Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus, Bonn
Nov 16-17	Inaugural Meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's Sahel Working Group, Algiers
Nov 16-17	Multilateral Force Observers (MFO) Annual Trilateral Meetings, Rome
Nov 17-18	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Nov 17-19	ASEAN Summit and Related Meetings, Bali
Nov 17-18	2011 Black Sea Energy and Economic Forum, Istanbul
Nov 17	10th Plenary Meeting of the Contact Group on Piracy Off the Coast of Somalia, New York

Nov 17-18	Organization of American States 3rd Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Science and Technology, Panama City
Nov 17-18*	Major Economies Forum on Climate Change Meeting, Washington
Nov 19	East Asia Summit (EAS) Meeting, Bali
Nov 20	Parliamentary Elections in Spain
Nov 20-22	22nd Session of the U.SChina Joint Commission on Commerce and Trade (JCCT), Chengdu [Secretary of Commerce Bryson, U.S. Trade Representative Kirk, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack]
Nov 21	Parliamentary Elections in the Marshall Islands
Nov 21-22	Forum for the Future, Kuwait City
Nov 22	International Energy Forum (IEF) Executive Board Meeting, Riyadh
Nov 23	10th Anniversary Meeting of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, Strasbourg
Nov 24	Presidential Elections in Gambia
Nov 25	Parliamentary Elections in Morocco
Nov 26	Parliamentary Elections in New Zealand
Nov 28	Presidential and Legislative Elections in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Nov 28 - Dec 9	17th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the Parties (CMP 7) to the Kyoto Protocol, Durban

Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage One
Nov 28	Parliamentary Elections in Guyana
Nov 28-30	High-Level Expert Meeting on the Sustainable Use of Oceans, Monaco
Nov 28 - Dec 2	11th Meeting of States Parties (MSP) on Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention (APMBC), Phnom Penh
Nov 28*	U.SEU Summit, Washington
Nov 28*	Visit of President Barroso of the European Commission to Washington
Nov 28*	Visit of President Van Rompuy of the European Council to Washington
Nov 29 - Dec 1	4th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Busan
Nov 29*	Visit of Prime Minister Rutte of the Netherlands to Washington
Dec 1* (T)	U.SIsrael Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Dec 1*	Visit of President Schmitt of Hungary to Washington
Dec 3-4	World Climate Summit 2011, Durban
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Croatia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Russia
Dec 4	Parliamentary Elections in Slovenia
Dec 5-22	Biological Weapons Convention 7th Review Conference, Geneva

Dec 5	International Afghanistan Conference, Bonn
Dec 5-6	ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Proxy Actors in Cyberspace Workshop, Hoi An
Dec 6-7	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Vilnius
Dec 7-8	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Foreign Ministers Meeting, Brussels
Dec 7-8	60th Anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50th Anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness Ministerial-level Meeting, Geneva
Dec 7*	Visit of Prime Minister Harper of Canada to Washington
Dec 8-9	4th Bali Democracy Forum: "Enhancing Democratic Participation in a Changing World: Responding to Democratic Voices," Bali
Dec 9	Ministerial Conference on Internet Freedom, The Hague
Dec 10	Presidential Inauguration in Argentina
Dec 11 (T)	Parliamentary Elections in Cote d'Ivoire
Dec 11-13	4th Annual Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Doha
Dec 12-19	World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference, Geneva
Dec 12*	Visit of Prime Minister al-Maliki of Iraq to Washington
Dec 13-15	Plenary Session of the Wassenaar Arrangement, Vienna

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Dec 14	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 2
Dec 14-15*	International Engagement Conference for the Republic of South Sudan (RoSS), Washington
Dec 15*	Inaugural Women in Public Service Project Conference, Washington
Dec 17	Parliamentary Elections in Gabon
Dec 20	Presidential Swearing-in in Democratic Republic of Congo
Jan 3	Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 3
Jan 14	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Taiwan
Jan 16-19	5th World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi
Jan 16	Presidential Inauguration in Liberia
Jan 22	Presidential Elections in Finland-1st Round
Jan 22	Legislative Elections in Egypt-1st Round
Jan 23 - Feb 17	World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12), Geneva
Jan 25-29	World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Davos-Klosters
Jan 26-27* (T)	U.SPhilippines Strategic Dialogue, Washington
Feb 3-5	48th Munich Security Conference, Munich
Feb 5	Presidential Elections in Finland-2nd Round
Feb 12	Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan

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Feb 16	Paris Pact Ministerial, Vienna
Feb 26	Presidential Elections in Senegal
Feb 27-28	Mobile World Conference, Barcelona
Mar TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt
Mar 4	Presidential Elections in Russia
Mar 5-9	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Mar 8-9	4th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Inter-Sessional Meeting on Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, Sydney
Mar 11	Legislative Elections in El Salvador
Mar 10	Parliamentary Elections in Slovakia
Mar 12-17	6th World Water Forum, Marseille
Mar 12-14	International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial Meeting, Kuwait City
Mar 24	Legislative Elections in Gambia
Mar 26-27	2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul
Mar 29	Parliamentary Elections in Iran
Apr 3-5	Pan-African Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Summit, Cape Town
Apr 14-15	6th Summit of the Americas, Cartagena

Apr 16-18	World Economic Forum on Latin America, Puerto Vallarta
Apr 18-19	Clean Energy Ministerial, London
Apr 22	Presidential Elections in France-1st Round
Apr 23	Nordic-Baltic-U.S. Cooperation Summit, Vilnius
May 6	Presidential Elections in France-2nd Round
May 9-11	World Economic Forum on Africa, Addis Ababa
May 12 - Aug 12	Expo 2012 Yeosu Korea: The Living Ocean and Coast
May 15-22	NATO/G-8 Summits, Chicago
May 16	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic
May 18-19	2012 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Annual Meeting, London
May 28-30	3rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 30 - Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31 - Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
Jun 4-6	UN Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) or Rio + 20, Rio de Janeiro
Jun 4-8	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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Jun 4-8	25th World Gas Conference: "Gas: Sustaining Future Global Growth", Kuala Lumpur			
Jun 10	Legislative Elections in France-1st Round			
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2nd Round			
Jun 19-21	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul			
Jul 1	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico			
Jul 8-10	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba			
Jul 21-25 (T)	19th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Phnom Penh			
Jul 22-27*	International AIDS Conference, Washington			
Jul 27 - Aug 12	XXX Summer Olympic Games, London			
Aug 14	Presidential Elections in Kenya-1st Round			
Aug 29 - Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London			
Sep 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna			
Sep 17-21	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna			
Oct 7	Presidential Elections in Venezuela			
Oct 8	Presidential Elections in Slovenia			

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Oct 28 Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine

Nov 18-20 (T) 21st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Summit, Phnom Penh

Nov 29-30 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors

Meeting, Vienna

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Small business owners. Small business values.

November 30, 2011

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20005 Vice President Joe Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20005

Re: Small business opposition to rolling back rules of the road that promote a level playing field and economic stability for small businesses

Dear President Obama and Vice President Biden:

On behalf of the small business owners in the Main Street Alliance network, we write to urge you to stand firm against efforts to roll back the rules of the road that promote a level playing field and economic stability for small businesses.

Our network includes small businesses across the country from Maine to Louisiana to Washington, and across a wide range of sectors. Our small business leaders own child care centers, corner bakeries, auto repair shops, local restaurants, real estate agencies, printing businesses, hardware stores, woodworking businesses, family farms, and more.

We have been surprised to read recent letters and opinion pieces pushing "time outs" or even wholesale rollbacks of basic regulatory policies in the name of small business. As Main Street small business owners who have a finger on the pulse of our local economies, if there's one thing we know it's this: what small businesses need in this tough economic climate is more customers, more consumer demand, not deregulation. This conclusion is supported by a series of interviews and surveys, including ones conducted by the National Federation of Independent Business and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, over recent months.

The U.S. House is scheduled to debate a set of regulatory rollback bills this week seeking to overhaul the processes that establish rules of the road for the financial sector, environmental and health standards, and other public safeguards. While being promoted on the pretext of helping small businesses, the fact is that these proposals would only shift risk and shift costs from big businesses – including Wall Street banks, big polluters, and big insurance companies – to small businesses. We urge you to oppose these proposals.

Small businesses are used to contending with powerful corporate interests. When we look for affordable health coverage, we're dealing with big insurance companies. Handling credit and debit card transactions, small businesses pay exorbitant fees to Wall Street banks. And every day, we have to hold our own with big box competitors who wield their market power to advance anti-competitive practices at our expense.