

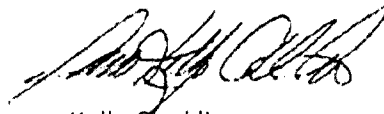
As small business owners, we count on standards to ensure that big corporate actors play by the rules and give us a fair shake. Bills like the Regulatory Accountability Act, the REINS Act, and the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act would undermine the very standards that defend small businesses from anti-competitive practices, preserve the quality of life in communities where we live and work, and protect local economies and our customer base from the consequences of corner-cutting by bad corporate actors.

To create jobs and get our country on a path to a strong economic future, what small businesses need is customers – Americans with spending money in their pockets – not watered down standards that give big corporations free reign to cut corners, use their market power at our expense, and force small businesses to lay people off and close up shop.

If you are committed to providing real support for small businesses, our local economies, and the customers we rely on for our livelihoods, we urge you to stand with Main Street small businesses and stand against these bills that threaten the level playing field we need to compete, grow, and create jobs.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Main Street Alliance Executive Committee,

Jim Houser
Owner, Hawthorne Auto Clinic, Inc
Portland, OR
Co-Chair,
Main Street Alliance of Oregon



Kelly Conklin
Owner, Foley-Waite Associates, Inc
Bloomfield, NJ
Steering Committee member,
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Small business owners. Small business values.

November 30, 2011

To: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

Re: Small business opposition to regulatory proposals that threaten stability of small businesses, customer base, and local economies

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our small business networks, we write to urge you to oppose a set of legislative proposals, slated for consideration in the House this week, that threaten the stability of small businesses, our customer base, and our local economies. These proposals include the Regulatory Accountability Act of 2011 (H.R. 3010), the REINS Act (H.R. 10), and the Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act (H.R. 527).

These proposals would undermine the rule-making processes that establish rules of the road for the financial sector, environmental and health standards, and other safeguards that promote a level playing field and economic stability. 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 them.

In survey after survey and interview after interview, Main Street small business owners confirm that what we really need is more customers – more demand – not deregulation. Policies that restore our customer base are what we need from Congress, not policies that shift more risk and more costs onto us from big corporate actors.

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.


As small business owners, we count on standards to ensure that big corporate actors play by the rules and give us a fair shake. The regulatory bills pending in the House would undermine the very standards that defend small businesses from anti-competitive practices, preserve the quality of life in the communities we serve, and protect our customer base and local economies from the consequences of corner-cutting by bad corporate actors.


To create jobs and get our country back on a path to a strong economic future, what small businesses need is customers – Americans with spending money in their pockets – not watered

down standards that give big corporations free reign to cut corners, use their market power at our expense, and force small businesses to lay people off and close up shop.

If you are committed to providing real support for Main Street small businesses, our local economies, and the customers we rely on for our livelihoods, we urge you to stand with small businesses and vote "no" on these proposals.

Sincerely,

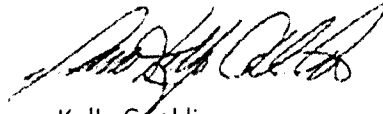

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Message Body



Lisa Jackson, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

November 30, 2011

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST), and in the name of the 21,000 Americans who die each year from lung cancer due to exposure to radioactivity from radon gas in American homes, we strongly protest any plans to cut any dollars from USEPA Radon Program funding for Fiscal Year 2013.

We are concerned that the Agency's draft budget for FY2013 may seek to eliminate all regional and headquarter radon staffing, all grants, including SIRG grants to state programs and possibly eliminates

the EPA's Radiation and Indoor Environments Laboratory (radon's only remaining national reference laboratory). Can this be true? If so, this is unacceptable.

I respectfully remind your office that such budgeting runs contrary to the intent of Congress in passing the Indoor Radon Abatement Act of 1988. This act requires the Agency to reduce radon levels in the nation's housing stock. Elimination of state funding, elimination of all radon staffing throughout the EPA and potential elimination of the national radon laboratory seems to indicate that the Agency is abandoning its radon risk reduction mission. There is a moral imperative to maintain and even increase funding for this risk reduction mission.

The EPA has made progress in this national and voluntary program over the last three decades but it has not completed its mission. The annual radon budget is a fraction of the cost associated with other high cancer mortality rates. We also note that the cost benefit of this risk reduction effort is an excellent investment, especially when considering the high cost of treating lung cancer patients. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and because of the length of exposure, children are most susceptible.

I will be meeting in Washington with other public sector organizations at Noon on December 9th concerning radon risk reduction efforts and the new Federal Radon Action Plan. Would it be possible for AARST Executive Director Peter Hendrick and me to meet with you or with your Assistant Administrators on either the afternoon of December 8, 2011 or the morning of December 9th to receive a briefing on the Agency's proposed radon budget for FY 2013? We would appreciate such a meeting. **Consumers and policy makers in the United States must know whether the Agency is truly committed to healthy indoor air and in saving lives, especially in light of the Agency's newly released Federal Radon Action Plan (June 2011.)**

I look forward to working with the Agency on achieving the risk reduction goal of the 1988 Indoor Radon Abatement Act.

Sincerely yours.

Carolyn K. Allen

President, The American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists

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⁽¹⁾ AARST is not an EPA grantee nor does the organization participate directly in SIRG grants for radon risk reduction. AARST is a non-profit professional and ANSI standards writing organization that was founded in 1988. We and all American consumers rely on the Agency's integrity, credibility, and the resources of the Radiation and Indoor Environments Laboratory in Las Vegas, Nevada.

cc: Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator, USEPA

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

Mike Flynn, Director, Office of Air and Radiation, USEPA

Paul Billings, American Lung Association

Janice Nolen, American Lung Association

Rebecca Morley, National Center for Healthy Housing

Ruth McBurney, Executive Director, Conference of Radiation Program Control Directors

December 6, 2011

OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: International Initiatives to Advance the Human Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Persons

The struggle to end discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons is a global challenge, and one that is central to the United States commitment to promoting human rights. I am deeply concerned by the violence and discrimination targeting LGBT persons around the world -- whether it is passing laws that criminalize LGBT status, beating citizens simply for joining peaceful LGBT pride celebrations, or killing men, women, and children for their perceived sexual orientation. That is why I declared before heads of state gathered at the United Nations, "no country should deny people their rights because of who they love, which is why we must stand up for the rights of gays and lesbians everywhere." Under my Administration, agencies engaged abroad have already begun taking action to promote the fundamental human rights of LGBT persons everywhere. Our deep commitment to advancing the human rights of all people is strengthened when we as the United States bring our tools to bear to vigorously advance this goal.

By this memorandum I am directing all agencies engaged abroad to ensure that U.S. diplomacy and foreign assistance promote and protect the human rights of LGBT persons. Specifically, I direct the following actions, consistent with applicable law:

Section 1. Combating Criminalization of LGBT Status or Conduct Abroad. Agencies engaged abroad are directed to strengthen existing efforts to effectively combat the criminalization by foreign governments of LGBT status or conduct and to expand

efforts to combat discrimination, homophobia, and intolerance on the basis of LGBT status or conduct.

Sec. 2. Protecting Vulnerable LGBT Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Those LGBT persons who seek refuge from violence and persecution face daunting challenges. In order to improve protection for LGBT refugees and asylum seekers at all stages of displacement, the Departments of State and Homeland Security shall enhance their ongoing efforts to ensure that LGBT refugees and asylum seekers have equal access to protection and assistance, particularly in countries of first asylum. In addition, the Departments of State, Justice, and Homeland Security shall ensure appropriate training is in place so that relevant Federal Government personnel and key partners can effectively address the protection of LGBT refugees and asylum seekers, including by providing to them adequate assistance and ensuring that the Federal Government has the ability to identify and expedite resettlement of highly vulnerable persons with urgent protection needs.

Sec. 3. Foreign Assistance to Protect Human Rights and Advance Nondiscrimination. Agencies involved with foreign aid, assistance, and development shall enhance their ongoing efforts to ensure regular Federal Government engagement with governments, citizens, civil society, and the private sector in order to build respect for the human rights of LGBT persons.

Sec. 4. Swift and Meaningful U.S. Responses to Human Rights Abuses of LGBT Persons Abroad. The Department of State shall lead a standing group, with appropriate interagency representation, to help ensure the Federal Government's swift and meaningful response to serious incidents that threaten the human rights of LGBT persons abroad.

Sec. 5. Engaging International Organizations in the Fight Against LGBT Discrimination. Multilateral fora and international organizations are key vehicles to promote respect for the human rights of LGBT persons and to bring global attention to LGBT issues. Building on the State Department's leadership in this area, agencies engaged abroad should strengthen the work they have begun and initiate additional efforts in these multilateral fora and organizations to: counter discrimination on the basis of LGBT status; broaden the number of countries willing to support and defend LGBT issues in the multilateral arena; strengthen the role of civil society advocates on behalf of LGBT issues within and through

multilateral fora; and strengthen the policies and programming of multilateral institutions on LGBT issues.

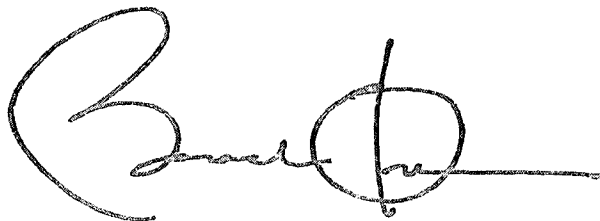
Sec. 6. Reporting on Progress. All agencies engaged abroad shall prepare a report within 180 days of the date of this memorandum, and annually thereafter, on their progress toward advancing these initiatives. All such agencies shall submit their reports to the Department of State, which will compile a report on the Federal Government's progress in advancing these initiatives for transmittal to the President.

Sec. 7. Definitions. (a) For the purposes of this memorandum, agencies engaged abroad include the Departments of State, the Treasury, Defense, Justice, Agriculture, Commerce, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Export-Import Bank, the United States Trade Representative, and such other agencies as the President may designate.

(b) For the purposes of this memorandum, agencies involved with foreign aid, assistance, and development include the Departments of State, the Treasury, Defense, Justice, Health and Human Services, and Homeland Security, the USAID, the Millennium Challenge Corporation, the Export-Import Bank, the United States Trade Representative, and such other agencies as the President may designate.

This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

The Secretary of State is hereby authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is located at the bottom center of the page.



INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR

December 9, 2011

The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0044

Dear Administrator Jackson,

As the Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor, I wrote you on August 3, 2011, expressing my deep concerns about the near term impacts of the EPA's proposed Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Rule to regulate hazardous air pollutants. (A copy of my previous letter is attached for your convenience.) In that letter, I conveyed well-grounded concerns that the three-year compliance time table to meet the requirements of this rule was problematic, given the strong likelihood that the MATS Rule would put a strain on utilities' ability to comply and would result in unnecessary cost increases falling on the shoulders of ratepayers in order to comply. Accordingly, I had asked the EPA to reconsider the MATS Rule time table and provide some flexibility in its implementation by extending the deadline for completion of the compliance schedule.

While I had informed you that the nation's utilities had made a reasonable case for additional compliance time, credible mounting intervening data from other sources has heightened my initial concerns. I would particularly draw your attention to the recent November 30, 2011 technical conference held by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which provided a forum for an open discussion of the serious reliability and cost consequences of failing to allow adequate time for coal generation to retrofit to the EPA's new standards. As MISO's Clair Moeller suggested in his comments – and as was echoed by FERC Commissioner Cheryl LeFleur in her opening remarks while chairing the technical conference – this is truly an “all-hands-on-deck” moment for the electric utility industry and its regulators.

The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator

December 9, 2011

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Additional analysis has come from the regional transmission organizations (RTOs). Indiana is served by both MISO and PJM, and both of these RTOs have extensive expert resources for planning and reviewing generation adequacy and market impact issues. Independence is also a hallmark of the RTO construct, so it is imperative that their analysis be taken seriously.

According to the most recent data from these organizations, a large majority of the coal capacity in the MISO and PJM regions will require some form of retrofit. Given necessary planning and regulatory approvals, much of this work will not be able to take place until 2014. Considering that thousands of megawatts of coal-fired retirements have already been announced and the RTOs' projections that significant additional resources may retire, attempting to complete such a large number of retrofits during the shoulder seasons of a single year would be an extraordinary challenge. Requiring utilities both to serve load reliably and to meet impossible environmental compliance timelines will force them into a "Hobson's choice" which is clearly inconsistent with public policy. It is absolutely necessary that the EPA take seriously the potential reliability issues of requiring too many retrofits in too short a time period.

We also have new information as to cost implications. MISO estimates the capital costs of necessary retrofits – let alone such issues as fuel switching driven by the market impacts of such changes – will drive retail rates higher across the region by an average of 7.0-7.6%. Many states in the industrialized Midwest, including Indiana, rely particularly heavily on coal. Such states can expect to take an even greater hit. While the actual cost of compliance will be worked out over time through state regulatory proceedings and the region's markets, my office has now received its first estimates of what Indiana utilities expect the EPA's new initiatives will cost.

According to information I was provided just yesterday, the five largest Indiana electric utilities estimate the total cost of complying with the Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) and MATS to range between \$6.532 billion and \$7.299 billion. They also expect additional compliance costs for the Cooling Water Intake Standards under §316(b) of the Clean Water Act to range between \$791 million and \$2.825 billion, and for compliance with the Coal Combustion Byproducts rule to cost between \$1.110 billion and \$1.405 billion. Taken all together – which is the way Indiana's customers will have to pay them – the total capital compliance cost of these rules could exceed \$11 billion. Even worse, these figures do not include such significant additional costs as potential replacement capacity, the market impacts of buying necessary emissions credits and/or relying more heavily on natural gas generation, transmission expansions which become necessary because of changes in the generation fleet, and other costs. Even without such other costs, my office estimates the impact of the capital compliance costs in terms of increased revenue requirements on Indiana alone will be in the range of \$1.7 billion annually. This would translate to an overall rate increase of approximately 22 percent over time, when compared to the combined 2010 operating revenues of Indiana's five investor-owned utilities.

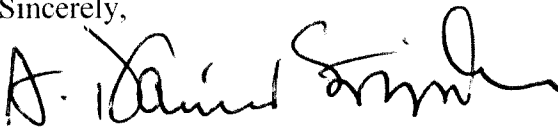
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Despite these extraordinary costs, my office supports the need to improve the environment and reduce emissions over time. However, I hope you would share my concern that ratepayers not be exposed to exacerbating such costs by imposing unrealistic timeframes on the industry. Cleaner, more efficient energy infrastructure is a goal shared by us all, but recent experience with cost overruns on new infrastructure in Indiana has confirmed in my mind that we need to take the time to do everything we can to ensure new infrastructure is built as efficiently, prudently, and responsibly as possible.

Like most of the participants in last week's FERC technical conference, this office does not oppose the objectives of the EPA's MATS Rule. However, I would reiterate what I said to you in my August letter, that rushing this process exposes Indiana ratepayers to excessive reliability and cost risks and potentially poor decisions caused by insufficient time for sound planning, engineering and regulatory prudence reviews. In contrast, a reasonable, sustained approach to the implementation of this Rule which mitigates rapid increases in power prices, minimizes rate shock to consumers and ensures reliability is maintained will keep rates reasonable, support Indiana businesses, and in turn maintain jobs and promote competitiveness.

In view of all these considerations, I reinforce my request that the EPA reconsider its timetable and provide great flexibility and latitude in the implementation of the proposed MATS Rule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. David Stippler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

A. David Stippler
Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor

Enclosure



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December 5, 2011

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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RE

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Lisa

Thank you very much for hosting the commemorative event honoring the Peace Corps' 50th anniversary at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I greatly appreciated your joining us on this special day, and thoroughly enjoyed meeting the many returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) now working at the EPA.

Nearly a year ago, the Peace Corps and the EPA signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate stronger ties and increased collaboration between our two organizations. Subsequently, it has been a historic year for the Peace Corps, and I am grateful for the support of the EPA throughout this time.

Thank you again, and I look forward to increasing collaboration and partnership in the years ahead. Happy holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Aaron
Aaron S. Williams
Director

*Dear Lisa -
Thank you for
hosting that
wonderful 50th
celebration!*

*in your
support leadership!*
Aaron



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December 7, 2011

The Hon. Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20004

Administrator Jackson:

Thank you for joining us for the Business Forward briefing on Tuesday at North Carolina Central University Law School in Durham. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership with our organization. Your willingness to share your expertise, insight and time with North Carolina business leaders at the roundtable is invaluable, and serves to build strong business support for the policy priorities you deal with every day.

If you have any questions, please call me, anytime, at (202) 861-1271. We greatly appreciate your continued participation, and look forward to arranging similar briefings for you when you travel.

Sincerely,



Bert Kaufman
Vice President





United States Department of State

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Washington, D.C. 20520-1238

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DAILY READING FILE
OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 1, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO : Heads of all Departments, Independent Agencies and Offices of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches

FROM : Capricia Penavic Marshall, Chief of Protocol *CPM*

SUBJECT : Submission to the Department of State of Listings of Gifts of More Than Minimal Value Given to Foreign Individuals during Fiscal Year 2011

All federal departments and agencies are required to submit to the Office of the Chief of Protocol a listing of all gifts of more than minimal value (\$335 from 10/01/2010 to 12/31/2010 and \$350 from 01/01/2011 to 09/30/2011) given to foreign individuals during Fiscal Year 2011 (the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011). This year's deadline is Friday, December 30, 2011. See below for further instructions.

Section 515(b) of Public Law 95-105, 91 Stat. 866, 22 USC 2694, effective August 17, 1977, prohibits the use of appropriated funds, other than funds from the "Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service" account of the Department of State, to purchase any tangible gift of more than minimal value (\$335 from 10/01/2010 to 12/31/2010 and \$350 from 01/01/2011 to 09/30/2011) for any foreign individual unless such gift has been approved by Congress. In addition, Section 515(b) requires the Secretary of State to transmit annually to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, a report containing details on:

- (1) any gifts of more than minimal value (\$335 from 10/01/2010 to 12/31/2010 and \$350 from 01/01/2011 to 09/30/2011) purchased with appropriated funds, which were given to foreign individuals during the previous fiscal year, and
- (2) any other gifts of more than minimal value (\$335 from 10/01/2010 to 12/31/2010 and \$350 from 01/01/2011 to 09/30/2011) given by the United States Government to a foreign individual which were not obtained using appropriated funds.

Note that the second part of the report includes all official gifts of more than minimal value, regardless of their origin, e.g., donations, and the valuation of the gift must be based upon the fair market value in the United States.

To ensure compliance with PL 95-105, each agency should:

- include the prohibition on purchase of gifts for foreign individuals of more than minimal value without Congressional approval in their fiscal regulations, and
- designate a central point for reporting of all such gifts at the end of each fiscal year, and advise the Office of the Chief of Protocol of this designation.

The Department of State requires each agency to transmit a compilation listing all gifts given to foreign individuals that fall under either category described above. Each agency should prepare its compilation for Fiscal Year 2011 in the format of the enclosed report sheet.

Please submit the report via e-mail to Sarah Henning at ProtocolGiftOfficer@state.gov.

This year all reports must be submitted by **Friday, December 30, 2011**. If your agency does not have any reportable gifts, **you are required to indicate a negative response via e-mail.**

In submitting the report, please provide the **name, telephone number, and e-mail address** of the individual who may be contacted, if necessary, concerning its contents and future reports.

Inquiries regarding this report should be directed to the Department of State, Office of the Chief of Protocol, Attn: Sarah Henning at (202) 647-1161 or ProtocolGiftOfficer@state.gov.

Example Enclosure: Reporting Sheet

Approved: S/CPR - CMarshall

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OFFICE OF THE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Implementation of Energy Savings Projects and
Performance-Based Contracting for Energy Savings

The Federal Government owns and operates nearly 3 billion square feet of Federal building space. Upgrading the energy performance of buildings is one of the fastest and most effective ways to reduce energy costs, cut pollution, and create jobs in the construction and energy sectors. We have a responsibility to lead by example, reduce our energy use, and operate our buildings efficiently.

Meeting that responsibility requires executive departments and agencies (agencies) to evaluate their facilities, identify potential savings, and appropriately leverage both private and public sector funding to invest in comprehensive energy conservation projects that cut energy costs. The Federal Government can do so by increasing the pace of the implementation of energy conservation measures, and improving the results from its energy efficiency investments.

In Executive Order 13514 of October 5, 2009 (Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance), my Administration reaffirmed a commitment to reduce energy intensity in agency buildings. In addition, through my memorandum of June 10, 2010 (Disposing of Unneeded Federal Real Estate - Increasing Sales Proceeds, Cutting Operating Costs, and Improving Energy Efficiency), and through the Campaign to Cut Waste, my Administration has directed agencies to cut energy costs in agency facilities as part of a broader effort to reduce spending and shrink the Federal Government's real estate footprint. In order to ensure agencies fully meet these goals

and maximize the cost reduction and job creation potential of making Federal buildings more energy efficient, I hereby direct the following:

Section 1. Implement and Prioritize Energy Conservation

Measures. (a) Agencies shall fully implement energy conservation measures (ECMs) in Federal buildings with a payback time of less than 10 years, consistent with real property and capital improvement plans. Agencies shall prioritize ECMs with the greatest return on investment, leveraging both direct appropriations and performance contracting, consistent with guidance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

(b) The Federal Government shall enter into a minimum of \$2 billion in performance-based contracts in Federal building energy efficiency within 24 months from the date of this memorandum. Each agency shall include its anticipated total performance-based contract volume in its plan submitted pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

(c) In order to maximize efficiency and return on investment to the American taxpayer, agencies are encouraged to enter into installation-wide and portfolio-wide performance contracts and undertake comprehensive projects that include short-term and long-term ECMs, consistent with Government-wide small business contracting policies.

(d) Agencies shall prioritize new projects under this section based on return on investment, develop a planned implementation schedule, and reconcile all investments with actions undertaken pursuant to Executive Order 13576 of June 13, 2011 (Delivering an Efficient, Effective, and Accountable Government). Agencies shall ensure that any performance-based contracts are consistent with, and do not duplicate or conflict with, real property plans or planned capital improvements.

(e) No later than January 31, 2012, agencies shall report their planned implementation schedule described in subsection (d) of this section to the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP), OMB, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

(f) Beginning in 2012, agencies shall incorporate the planned implementation schedule into their annual Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans in furtherance of Executive Order 13514.

Sec. 2. Complete Required Energy and Water Evaluations. (a) Agencies shall identify in the Department of Energy's Compliance Tracking System (CTS) any ECMs that have been implemented, and ensure that the CTS is regularly updated.

(b) Consistent with section 432 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 8253(f)(2)), agencies shall complete all energy and water evaluations and report the ECMs and associated cost saving opportunities identified through these evaluations to the CTS.

Sec. 3. Transparency and Accountability. (a) Agencies shall, where technically feasible, continue efforts to connect meters and advanced metering devices to enterprise energy management systems to streamline and optimize measurement, management, and reporting of facility energy use.

(b) The FEMP shall assist agencies with timely implementation of subsection (a) of this section. Consistent with its mission and responsibilities, FEMP shall also track Government-wide implementation progress. Subject to the protection of critical infrastructure information and avoidance of disclosure of sensitive information relating to national security, FEMP shall annually publish these results, as well as facility energy usage data, in machine readable formats on agency websites, consistent with applicable OMB guidance.

(c) The OMB shall continue to track agency implementation and progress towards goal achievement on its Energy and Sustainability Scorecard, and publicly report on agency progress, pursuant to the requirements of Executive Order 13514.

Sec. 4. Applicability. This memorandum shall apply to agency activities, personnel, resources, and facilities located within the United States. The head of an agency may apply this memorandum to activities, personnel, resources, and facilities of the agency that are not located within the United States, to the extent the head of the agency determines that doing so is in the interest of the United States.

Sec. 5. Exemption Authority. (a) The Director of National Intelligence may exempt an intelligence activity of the United States, and related personnel, resources, and facilities, from the provisions of this memorandum, to the extent the Director determines necessary to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

(b) The head of an agency may exempt particular facilities from the provisions of this memorandum where doing so is in the interest of national security. If the head of an agency issues an exemption under this subsection, the agency must notify the Chair of CEQ in writing within 30 days of issuance of the exemption. To the maximum extent practicable, and without compromising national security, each agency shall strive to comply with the purposes, goals, and implementation steps in this memorandum.

Sec. 6. Definitions. For the purposes of this memorandum:

(a) "energy conservation measure" (ECM) has the same meaning as in 42 U.S.C. 8259(d).

(b) "energy savings performance contract" (ESPC), as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 8287, means a contract (or task order) awarded to an energy service company (ESCO) for up to 25 years that provides for the design, acquisition, financing, installation, testing, operation, and maintenance and repair of identified ECMs at one or more locations. Under an ESPC, the ESCO incurs the costs of project implementation, including audits, acquiring and installing equipment, and training personnel, in exchange for a predetermined price. Payment to the ESCO is contingent upon realizing a guaranteed stream of future savings, with excess savings accruing to the Federal Government.

(c) "performance-based contract" means a contract that identifies expected deliverables, performance measures, or outcomes, and makes payment contingent on their successful achievement. Performance-based contracts also use appropriate techniques, which may include consequences or incentives to ensure that the agreed-upon value to the agency is received. Performance-based contracts, which include ESPCs, can be performed by any qualified contractor, including utilities.

(d) "agency" has the same meaning as in Executive Order 13514.

(e) "United States" means the fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, and associated territorial waters and airspace.

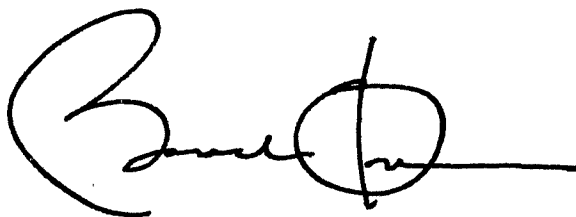
Sec. 7. General Provisions. (a) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable law, including international trade obligations, and subject to the availability of appropriations.

(b) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:

(i) authority granted by law to a department, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) functions of the Director of OMB relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(c) This memorandum is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

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THE CHAIRMAN



DAILY READING FILE

U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

1615 M Street, NW
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December 6, 2011

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

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Dear Ms. Jackson:

Enclosed are two copies of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board ("MSPB") report recently submitted to Congress, *Blowing the Whistle: Barriers to Federal Employees Making Disclosures*. This report discusses results from the MSPB's 2010 Merit Principles Survey regarding perceptions related to whistleblowing and provides a comparison to the results of a similar survey our agency conducted in 1992.

Data from our surveys indicate that since 1992, the percentage of employees who perceive any wrongdoing has decreased. However, perceptions of retaliation against those who blow the whistle remain a serious concern. In both 1992 and 2010, approximately one-third of the individuals who felt they had been identified as a source of a report of wrongdoing also perceived either threats or acts of reprisal, or both. Additionally, training for employees about the protections available to whistleblowers has improved since 1992, but given that such training is mandated by law, there are still far too many employees who have not received this information.

The survey data also indicate that the most important factor for employees when deciding whether to report wrongdoing is not the personal consequences for the employee. Saving lives was more important to survey respondents than whether they would experience punishment or a reward, and whether the agency would act on a report of wrongdoing mattered more than any fear of an unpleasant consequence for the employee making the report. This means that agencies have the power to influence employees' decisions about reporting wrongdoing. The most important step that agencies can take to prevent wrongdoing may be the creation of a culture that supports whistleblowing.

I hope you find this report useful as you consider how you can prevent fraud, waste, or abuse in your agency, and that you will share it with others in your organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Tsui Grundmann

Enclosure



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Signature: AA-OW-Assistant Administrator -Signature Date: N/A

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

Subject: Daily Reading File-Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Elimination Discharge System (NPDES)

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

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
OP - Office of Policy
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Lead Author: N/A

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THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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SENATOR AUDREY GIBSON

1st District

December 2, 2011

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

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As a State Senator from North Florida, I am writing because I have been made aware of the May 2011, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit decision in *Northwest Environmental Defense Center v Brown*. My senate district includes forest lands and countless jobs that rely on this industry. Forestry is a major industry in my district, and throughout the state.

Recently, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency no longer held authority to designate forest roads and associated storm water runoff systems as a "nonpoint" source, this after 35 years of authority. This means that forest roads and their storm water runoff systems will be subject to the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Elimination Discharge System (NPDES) permit system, and each culvert or drainage ditch on a forest logging road will be considered a "point source," much like a factory or coal-burning power plant.

It has come to my attention that EPA is considering accepting the 9th Circuit ruling and applying these standards nationwide.

I am writing because this would be very harmful to the timber industry in Florida. The litigation and permit challenges with these new "point source" permits will place a significant financial burden on Florida forest owners, create regulatory uncertainty, and cause hundreds of good paying jobs to be needlessly lost. Job loss is always a bad thing, but in the current economy, it is especially hurtful.

My constituents are very concerned about the current uncertainty in the economy. The forest industry is a major employer in Florida, especially North Florida, and thousands of families and businesses in the state, and my district, are reliant upon their jobs that the forest industry provides.

I write to ask that the EPA uphold the standards that have been in place for 35 years. The forest industry is a major employer in Florida, especially North Florida, where there are thousands of families and businesses in the state, and in my district, are reliant upon their jobs that the forest industry provides.

Sincerely,

Audrey Gibson
 State Senator
 District 1

Cc: Jon Carson, Director of Office of Public Engagement, Mr. Bill Daley, White House Chief of Staff Senator Bill Nelson, Congresswoman Corinne Brown,

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Administrator - OCSP

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Subject: Daily Reading File - Investigation of the August 28, 2008 explosion at the Bayer CropScience facility in Institute, West Virginia

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

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

CC: Brigid Lowery - OSWER-CPA
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Office of Recommendations

Manuel R. Gomez, Dr. PH, MS, CIH, Director

December 9, 2011

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

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Dear Ms. Jackson:

As you know, the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board (CSB) conducted an investigation of the August 28, 2008 explosion at the Bayer CropScience (BCS) facility in Institute, West Virginia. Based on the findings of that investigation, the Board made twelve (12) recommendations to safeguard the health and safety of workers and the public. This letter addresses the recommendation that the CSB made to the Environmental Protection Agency: **2008-01-I-CO-R12**. The text of that recommendation reads as follows:

In light of the findings of this report and the serious potential hazards to workers and the public from chemicals used and stored at the Bayer Institute site (such as phosgene, MIC, and methomyl), conduct a comprehensive Risk Management Program (RMP) inspection of the complex. Coordinate with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, as appropriate.

On February 4, 2011, CSB Chairperson Moure-Eraso wrote to you explaining the recommendation and providing you a copy of the final CSB investigation report. He asked for a response within 180 days of recipient of his letter.

On February 18, 2011, Dr. Moure-Eraso wrote you a second letter encouraging you to immediately act on the CSB recommendation and as additional justification included information from an Emergency Motion that Bayer CropScience had filed with the court in an attempt to remove a temporary restraining order that prevented BCS from restarting the methyl isocyanate (MIC) production unit. Dr Moure noted in that letter:

U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board

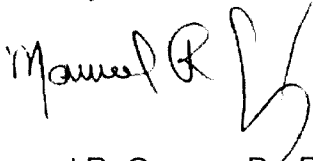
"After reading the list of action items contained in the Emergency Motion, I do not see how BCS could have possibly completed all the PSM and environmental emission control related action items listed prior to their originally proposed startup date."

Ten months have passed since the CSB initially informed you of the recommendation issued by the Board to the EPA from the BCS investigation, and the CSB has not received any response from you or your agency. Therefore, I respectfully request that you provide a response to the CSB regarding actions that EPA has taken (or is contemplating taking) concerning this recommendation within 30 days of receipt of this letter so that we can evaluate your implementation or other response to this recommendation and propose an action to the Board.

If we receive no response from you by that date, our procedures¹ will obligate us to recommend to our Board that the status of the recommendation change to that of "**Closed -- Unacceptable Action/No Response Received.**" I am sure you would like to avoid this designation, with its negative connotations.

In closing, let me re-emphasize that the Board makes all the final evaluation decisions concerning actions on the CSB recommendations, and they have not yet done so in this case. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to have a member of your staff contact: Mr. Mark Kaszniak, Senior Chemical Safety Recommendations Specialist, via telephone (202-261-7654), or by e-mail (mark.kaszniak@csb.gov).

Sincerely,



Manuel R. Gomez, Dr. PH, MS, CIH
Director
Office of Recommendations

cc: Mark Kaszniak, Senior Chemical Safety Recommendations Specialist, CSB

¹ See CSB Board Order 22, a link to it can be found at the bottom of the "Frequently Asked Questions" page which can be accessed by clicking on the Recommendations tab on the CSB website. www.esb.gov.



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THE DIRECTOR

December 15, 2011

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: Jacob J. Lew 
Director

SUBJECT: Planning for Agency Operations During a Lapse in Government Funding

The current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires at the end of the day on Friday, December 16, 2011, for executive departments and agencies (agencies) that did not receive full-year appropriations under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2012 (minibus).¹ There has been progress on an omnibus appropriations bill for these Federal agencies, and as such it remains possible that Congress will reach an agreement by the end of the day on Friday, December 16 that will enable these agencies to continue operations for the current fiscal year.

Yet at this late hour, responsible management requires that we be prepared if there is a lapse in appropriations. To that end, and pursuant to Section 124 of Circular A-11, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been providing guidance and coordinating the efforts of the Executive Branch to facilitate appropriate contingency planning in accordance with the provisions of the Antideficiency Act. This Memorandum is being sent in conjunction with these efforts.

As part of the guidance that has been provided to you, OMB has referred agencies to legal opinions issued by the Attorney General and the Office of Legal Counsel (OLC) of the Department of Justice, which set forth the legal requirements imposed by the Antideficiency Act during a lapse in appropriations and the guiding standards that agencies should use in making decisions under the Act during a lapse in appropriations. In reviewing existing contingency plans, agency leaders are reminded of the agency's duty to make the determination of which agency activities qualify as "excepted" functions pursuant to applicable legal requirements, and to make the determination of which employees are needed for the performance of those "excepted" functions on a case-by-case basis.

¹The enacted minibus contained three of the twelve annual appropriations bills: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies; Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

[<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr2112enr/pdf/BILLS-112hr2112enr.pdf>]

If you are an agency where a funding measure for Fiscal Year 2012 has already been enacted, then your agency is generally not impacted by the potential lapse in appropriations. However, there may be some instances where the operations of your agency are impacted by the funding status of another agency (e.g., employees performing duties funded through reimbursements). To the extent that these implications would result in the potential furlough of employees at your agency, or otherwise require contingency planning by your agency, then for those situations only, your agency should refer to the relevant sections of this guidance regarding preparing for and initiating a furlough or other procedures.

As you know, in April 2011, we faced a similar potential lapse in appropriations. At that time, we received a number of technical questions about particular matters related to agency operations during a lapse in funding. As a result we issued Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents, which are applicable to the current situation, and are included as attachments to this memorandum. The FAQ documents provide an overview of relevant legal principles that apply to all government operations, address particular issues with contracts and grants, and answer questions relating to information technology, travel, orderly shutdown, and payment for excepted work.

Earlier this week, we encouraged agencies (including agencies with enacted full-year appropriations under the minibus) to review and update their agency contingency plans. We know that the current uncertainty and threat of a shutdown is a tremendous burden on Federal employees and therefore, yesterday, we encouraged agencies to reach out to all employees regarding the possible lapse in appropriations. In addition, the Office of Personnel Management has issued FAQs to assist agencies and employees on personnel issues associated with a funding lapse, posted at <http://www.opm.gov/furlough2011>.

We will remain in close communication until this situation is resolved to ensure that the Executive Branch is prepared in case a funding lapse occurs. At this time, agencies should proceed as follows:

Thursday, December 15: Agencies operating under the current CR should post their agency contingency plans to their websites and begin the process of communicating the details of the plans to all employees. Your communications with an employee should address the expected status of that employee under a shutdown: that is, whether the employee would continue to report to work (either because the employee is paid from an appropriation that continues to remain available or because the employee would be needed for the agency's performance of its "excepted" functions) or instead would be placed on furlough as "non-excepted." An agency may complete this communication electronically if appropriate. Agencies also are encouraged to conduct appropriate outreach to unions, State, local and tribal governments, grantees, contractors, Congressional committees, and other stakeholders.

Friday, December 16: As noted, the current CR expires at the end of the day on Friday, December 16. Therefore, Friday, December 16 is a normal workday for the Federal Government, and all employees should report to work as normal. Agencies must complete

the process of communicating to all employees their status under a shutdown no later than the end of the day on Friday, December 16.

We will advise you over the course of the day of further developments, including whether there has been Congressional action that would prevent a lapse in funding. If we inform you that such action is not likely to be enacted, then you should prepare to initiate implementation of your shutdown plan beginning on Saturday, December 17. In that case, agencies must instruct non-excepted employees (including those who do not have a weekend work schedule) that they are prohibited, pursuant to the legal requirements of the Antideficiency Act, from performing any work over the weekend pending further notice. This means that the non-excepted employees will be prohibited, after midnight on Friday night, from working remotely, such as from home—including by accessing agency information technology (e.g., blackberries, cell phones, computers, laptops)—except to the extent that the agency’s contingency plan provides for the agency to use such technology to provide non-excepted employees with updates regarding their furlough and return-to-work status. Also, as noted below, there may be circumstances in which certain employees are accessing agency information technology for a brief period to carry out *de minimis* shutdown related activities.

If there is a lapse in appropriations, during the employee’s next scheduled work day (i.e., Saturday or Sunday for weekend employees; Monday for all other employees), an agency shall have its non-excepted employees perform—for up to a half-day (e.g., up to four hours)—such “orderly shutdown” activities as are needed for the agency’s implementation of its contingency plan (e.g., turning in equipment if required). Non-excepted employees who are scheduled to telework on their next scheduled work day may perform these shutdown activities from their telework location, if an existing telework agreement is in place. In addition, agencies at their discretion may allow other employees to conduct shutdown activities from a remote location, even without an existing telework agreement, if the nature of the employees’ shutdown activities are *de minimis* (i.e., can be completed in approximately 15 minutes). For example, such activities would include receiving and acknowledging receipt of an electronic furlough notice and adjusting voicemail and email to reflect current work status. All other non-excepted employees will be expected to report to work on their next scheduled work day to carry out orderly shutdown activities.

Saturday, December 17/Sunday, December 18/Monday, December 19: During the weekend, we will advise you further, depending on the status of appropriations action, as follows:

Normal Operations: If it is apparent late Friday evening or early Saturday that Congressional action that would prevent a lapse in funding is likely to be enacted on Saturday, OMB will instruct agencies to operate in a normal manner (and not engage in shutdown activities).

Shutdown: If no Congressional action that would prevent a lapse in funding is likely to be enacted on Saturday, OMB will issue instructions to agencies on

Saturday to proceed with their shutdown implementation, initiating the orderly shutdown by non-excepted employees. Agencies will need to issue furlough notices to non-excepted employees during the next scheduled work day (Saturday or Sunday for weekend employees and Monday for all other employees). Agencies are encouraged to issue furlough notices electronically to employees where possible. Absent compelling circumstances, agencies should complete orderly shutdown activities for non-excepted personnel within the first half-day (i.e., up to four hours) of an employee's normal work schedule.

Agency leaders with questions on the contents of this Memorandum should contact Jeffrey Zients, OMB's Deputy Director for Management, who is leading shutdown coordination. Your staff should direct queries to your OMB Resource Management Office or your agency's Office of General Counsel.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation during this time of uncertainty. We will continue to keep in close contact with you as developments unfold.

Attachments



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

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Contact Type: EML (E-Mail) Priority Code: Normal
Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required Signature Date: N/A
File Code: 401_127_a General Correspondence Files Record copy
Subject: Daily Reading File-Broad scientific consensus for Mecury and Air Toxic Standards
Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required
Instruction Note: N/A
General Notes: N/A
CC: OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
OP - Office of Policy

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Lead Author: N/A

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Comments

Dec 13th, 2011

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

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

Re: Broad Scientific Consensus in support for Mercury and Air Toxics Standards

Dear President Obama,

We, the undersigned physicians and scientists studying mercury in our biological and physical environment, write to affirm our belief that the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) will protect the health of thousands of Americans each year.

We assert that it is well-documented that mercury and other air toxics cause serious human, wildlife and ecosystem health effects. During Congressional hearings the claim was made that there is no science to back up the health benefits that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) expects to achieve by requiring decreases of air toxics emitted from power plants. As mercury scientists and physicians, we strongly refute such statements.

Industrial emissions, especially from coal-fired power plants, are the leading source of atmospheric mercury in the U.S. Mercury from power plants can be as much as 95% reactive oxidized mercury which is rapidly deposited on to local soils and surface waters. It is established now that mercury that has recently been deposited from the atmosphere more readily accumulates in fish than other possible sources. The neurological development, particularly brain maturation, of fetus and young children are severely affected by methylmercury, the form of mercury that collects and concentrates in aquatic food chains.

EPA Science Advisory Board's findings of health benefits from decreasing methylmercury exposure due to our domestic air pollution as mentioned in the Mercury Risk Assessment report are based on a strong scientific record. Thus, we believe that there should be no change in the MATS. We also note that while the neurotoxicity of methylmercury to the young has been widely acknowledged, the effects on children and adults through exposure to all other forms of mercury have not been effectively publicized. Appended to this letter is a short list of published studies that show health effects of all forms of mercury.

Mercury has no biologically beneficial function; indeed, each atom that ends up in the body can be toxic to all types of cells. Mercury is such a potent toxin because it bonds very strongly to functionally important sites of proteins including enzymes, antibodies and nerve growth-cones that keep cells alive, “intelligent” and safe. Target enzymes, organs, or metabolic pathways vulnerable to mercury poisoning may change from cell to cell, person to person and in the same individual over time. Regardless, minimizing all mercury exposure is essential to improving human, wildlife and ecosystem health because *exposure to mercury in any form places a heavy burden on the biochemical machinery within cells of all living organisms.*

Some of us study effect of mercury compounds on individual enzymes, cells and/or organs, and some of us study how mercury cycles through our waters, soils or atmosphere. We also represent physicians who actually treat patients, including children, with chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, and neurological diseases caused by air pollution. We work each day to understand environmental hazards and protect the public health. We ask that you protect the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. Doing so will improve public health and lower health care costs for all.

Sincerely,

Tamar Barkay, Ph.D.

Mercury microbiologist

Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University

Janina Benoit, Ph.D.

Mercury methylation biochemist

Associate Professor of Chemistry, Wheaton College

Joel D. Blum, Ph.D.

Mercury biogeochemist

John D. MacArthur Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Michigan
Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Joanna Burger, Ph.D.

Mercury neuro-behavioral and ecological risk expert

Distinguished Professor of Life Sciences, Rutgers University
National Academy of Sciences Committee of Endocrine Disruptors

Celia Y. Chen, Ph.D.

Mercury aquatic food web ecologist

Research Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Dartmouth College

Charles T. Driscoll, Ph.D.

Mercury land and soil biogeochemist

Distinguished Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Syracuse University



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Addressee Org: EPA

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Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File- This letter is to express full support for the Municipality of San Juan's FY12 Brownfield's Assessment Grant for site located in Bechara Sector.

Instructions: For Your Information -- No action required

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: N/A

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Kecia Thornton - OSWER
Michelle Crews - OSWER
OAR - Office of Air and Radiation -- Immediate Office
OCFO - OCFO -- Immediate Office
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Hon. José Luis "Nuno" López
President
Commission for Integrated Development of the Capital City
District Núm. 1, San Juan

November 23, 2011

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

RE: Letter of Support for Municipality of San Juan – FY12 Brownfield's Assessment Grant

Dear Administrator Jackson:

This letter is to express our full support for the Municipality of San Juan's FY12 Brownfield's Assessment Grant for the site located in the Bechara Sector of John F. Kennedy Ave. #B-5, Puerto Nuevo Ward, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

We all represent San Juan districts and are members of the Committee on Integrated Development of the Capital City in the Puerto Rico State Legislature. On behalf of our constituents, we commend the Municipality of San Juan's initiative for the redevelopment vision and economic development initiatives within the Bechara Sector of the JFK District, which perfectly embrace President Obama's Livability Principles for Sustainable Communities.

The Bechara sector is the heart of the industrial and port-related businesses in San Juan. It is located across from the Port of San Juan and a major highway which connects Bayamón and Guaynabo to San Juan. As an island, our import needs are critical to the economic stability, health and general well-being of all Puerto Ricans; the area's fiscal relevance for the economy of San Juan and Puerto Rico is vital. Mayor Jorge Santini has designed an innovative vision of redevelopment for this sector, which will no doubt transcend San Juan's borders.

The San Juan's redevelopment proposal will strengthen the existing industrial framework while encouraging the establishment of new businesses in the area. The City's strategy will encourage economic growth by promoting a diversity of industries so as to increase commercial traffic. As part of this plan, San Juan already inaugurated the San Juan Golf Academy, a municipally run golf driving range (former landfill site), and The Wildlife Museum. Furthermore, it has supported the development of new businesses and the remodeling or redesign of existing car dealerships. In order to further develop the area, a hotel and golf course are planned for the sector.

Given its ideal waterfront location, the Municipality has proposed a state of the art wholesale food storage and distribution center on this site. The San Juan Central Market, a projected public-private partnership, will be built on three parcels of land, two of which are currently unused or underused and the other an unauthorized junkyard/illegal landfill.

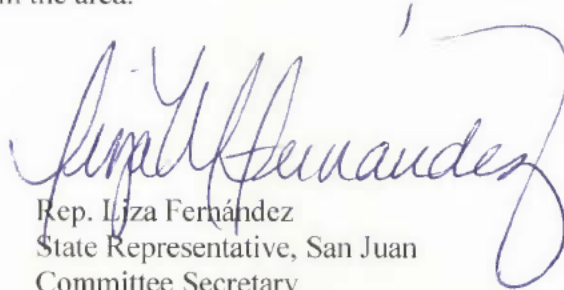
The proposed site for this Brownfield's Assessment grant has posed an environmental threat to neighboring properties. In fact, there have often been questions regarding waste management practices and disposal of materials and hazardous substances, including tires and toxic chemicals. The development of this site will protect green spaces and wetlands, while redeveloping the landfill site. With a multi-million dollar investment, the City of San Juan will provide a centralized, modern, green/energy efficient facility for the food warehouse and distribution market in Puerto Rico, while retaining and generating 1,500 jobs in the area.

The Municipality of San Juan's proposal for the redevelopment of the Bechara Sector of the JFK District, with particular emphasis on the projected San Juan Central Market site, will spur job creation, commercial traffic and economic activity in the sector. For these reasons, we fully support the City of San Juan's Brownfield's Assessment Grant and further cleanup initiatives in the area.

Sincerely,



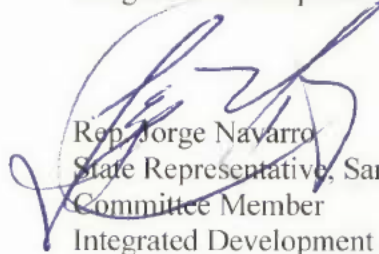
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November 23, 2011

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

**RE: Letter of Support for Municipality of San Juan
FY12 Brownfields Assessment Grant**

Dear Administrator Jackson:

This letter is to express our full support for the Municipality of San Juan's FY12 Brownfields Assessment Grant application for the site located in the Bechara Sector of John F. Kennedy Ave. #B-5, Puerto Nuevo Ward, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Association of Central Market Companies (*Asociación de Empresas del Mercado Central de Alimentos*) represents nine (9) businesses which are already committed to operate within the new San Juan Central Market. Our Association includes nine (9) businesses which are currently operating in the existing, soon to be closed facilities, as well as other businesses that will be added as new members of our community. Currently, the facility where our members are operating their wholesale and distribution operation is state-owned. This facility will be closed down and repurposed for other state-related needs. Understanding the urgent need for the development of a new centralized facility, the City of San Juan has taken on the responsibility of working together with private interests in order to develop the San Juan Central Market.

On behalf of our Association's members, employees and clients, the Association of Central Market Companies commends the Municipality of San Juan's initiative for the redevelopment vision and economic development initiatives within the Bechara Sector, which perfectly embrace President Obama's Livability Principles for Sustainable Communities.

Mayor Jorge Santini has designed an innovative vision of redevelopment for the JFK District (where the Bechara Sector is located), which will no doubt transcend San Juan's borders. The City's proposal will strengthen the existing industrial framework of Bechara while encouraging

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact either Mr. Carlos Trápaga, President at (787) 783-0011 or myself at (787) 793-0750.

Sincerely,



Gualberto Rodríguez III

Vice President



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Organization: Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area
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Constituent: N/A

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-CFC Extended to January 15, 2012		
Instructions:	For Your Information -- No action required		
Instruction Note:	N/A		
General Notes:	N/A		
CC:	OEAE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education OP - Office of Policy		

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Lead Author: N/A

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December 13, 2011

Dear Lisa Jackson,

On behalf of the Local Federal Campaign Committee, I wish to thank you for your leadership in Campaign 2011 and the fine work of your Campaign Managers, Key Workers and volunteers. You are the heroes of this campaign; without your commitment, we could not hope to accomplish our goal in these challenging times.

As you know, I received a response to my request for an extension until January 15, 2012 of the campaign and OPM has granted an extension for the solicitation period until December 31, 2011. Along with that extension came the clear message that we must do all within our power to meet the December 15th goal for next year and all future campaigns. We have these additional weeks and I am writing to offer some suggestions that may be of help to your agency's solicitation efforts.

If your agency is behind where you'd hoped it would be by this time, do not be discouraged. There still is time to turn things around. Your Loaned Executive and CFC staff are ready to assist with ideas for:

- increasing campaign participation
- keeping the campaign visible within your agency
- additional key worker support

If you are interested in any of these or other forms of assistance, contact your Loaned Executive immediately.

Please keep in mind as you push toward your agency's goal, every bit of effort you put forth translates into essential support for the charities that serve and strengthen our communities. Thank you for your commitment.

Sincerely,

H. Brandon Haller, Ph.D.
LFCC Chairperson

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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Snyder, Pam

Organization: Green County Pennsylvania

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Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

Control Information

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Addressee Org: EPA

Contact Type: LTR (Letter)

Priority Code: Normal

Signature: SNR-Signature Not Required

Signature Date: N/A

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Subject: Daily Reading File- Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with the local elected officials on November 30.

Instructions: NRN-No Response Necessary

Instruction Note: N/A

General Notes: Close no response per (b) (6) Personal Privacy on 12/15/11. KLabbe 12/15/11

CC: OCIR - Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
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Administrator Spence,

I want to thank you for taking

the time from your busy schedule to

meet with the local elected officials

on Nov. 30. It was a pleasure to

meet you & to have our concerns

on the new rules & their impact

on OAL. If you need to see an area

that has it all in regard energy,

please come to Deane County, Off. No.

10000 welcome the opportunity.

Thank you,
Dennis



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Citizen Information

Citizen/Originator: Carmichael, Cassandra

Organization: National Council of Churches

Address: Address Unknown

Constituent: N/A

Committee: N/A

Sub-Committee: N/A

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Addressee Org: EPA

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Priority Code: Normal

Signature: DX-Direct Reply

Signature Date: N/A

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

Subject: Daily Reading File Urge you to move quickly in addressing coal ash regulation and, as noted in our initial letter, believe it should be classified as a toxic (as outlined in Subtitle C of the proposed rule)

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
OEAEE - Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education
R4 - Region 4 -- Immediate Office
R5 - Region 5 -- Immediate Office

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Lead Author: N/A

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Instruction: N/A					

Supporting Information

Supporting Author: N/A

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20004

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OFFICE OF THE
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November 28, 2011

Dear Administrator Jackson,

Over a year ago, the National Council of Churches and fourteen other national and state faith-based organizations submitted formal comments on the proposed coal ash rule. To date, we have followed this process from a far with full confidence that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would move forward with a public process to address coal ash disposal in communities around the United States.

However, we have concerns about the pace at which this process is taking place and would like to reiterate the urgency with which we believe clarity is needed around coal ash regulations.

In 2008, we witnessed the devastation that coal ash can cause to God's Creation and God's communities. The TVA Kingston Fossil Plant coal fly ash slurry spill was the largest spill in United States history and even today, families are still working to recover from the spill. In addition, scientists continue to study and explore the area affected by the spill in an effort to predict the short term and long term impacts of a spill this large on the whole of Creation.

But Kingston is not the only community with a coal ash problem. Just a few weeks ago, a bluff collapsed on the shores of Lake Michigan, spilling 2,500 tons of coal ash into Lake Michigan, the drinking source for millions. EPA and public interest community reports have shown that there are 137 sites in 35 states where cancer causing chemicals like arsenic, hexavalent chromium and lead are contaminating communities, polluting God's water, and threatening the well-being of God's children.

As people of faith, we are called to seek justice for the most vulnerable and serve as stewards of God's beautiful Creation that has been gifted to us and to our children. In order to live out this faithful call, we must address the threats that coal ash presents to millions of people and thousands of communities in this country.

As we near the three-year anniversary of the TVA spill, we urge you to move quickly in addressing coal ash regulation and, as noted in our initial letter, believe it should be classified as a toxic (as outlined in Subtitle C of the proposed rule). We look forward to working with you to finalize and implement these regulations.

Sincerely,



Cassandra Carmichael
Head of Washington Office and Director of Eco-Justice Programs
National Council of Churches USA



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November 21, 2011

Administrator Lisa Jackson
US Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As the executive director of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), I am forwarding resolutions approved by the IOGCC members at our Annual Meeting in Buffalo, New York, 2011.

IOGCC is an organization of the oil and natural gas producing states. The members are the governors and official representatives of those 30 states. These resolutions represent their positions and their concerns about national policy related to the energy needs of the United States.

IOGCC member states want to work with you, the Administration and Congress to be a part of the energy solution. On behalf of our members, I welcome any opportunity to assist you on matters related to our nation's energy resources. Please contact me if I can provide you or your staff with more background on energy policy matters. My phone number is (405) 525-3556, extension 200, or you may contact me via e-mail at mike.smith@iogcc.state.ok.us.

Sincerely,

Carl Michael Smith
Executive Director
Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

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Enclosures:

- 11.064 Supporting the Reporting of Non-Proprietary Chemicals Intentionally Used for Hydraulic Fracturing to FracFocus.org
- 11.065 Urging Congress Not to Remove Exemption of Hydraulic Fracturing from Provisions of The Safe Drinking Water Act
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September 27, 2011

President Barack Obama
The White House
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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 the City of Hallsville, 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.

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 the City of Hallsville 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 line with Executive Order 13563 that states regulations "must promote predictability and reduce uncertainty."

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,

Jerri L. Medrano
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Lisa Jackson
The Honorable Cass R. Sunstein

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November 30, 2011

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

On behalf of the Community Preventive Services Task Force (Task Force), I am pleased to submit our first Annual Report to Congress and to Agencies Related to the Work of the Task Force, pursuant to Public Law 111-148 (§ 4003(b)(1); Public Health Service Act § 399U(b)(6)). The report provides background on the Task Force, its methods, findings, and recommendations; identifies research gaps and priorities for future work; and describes how states, local communities, and worksites have used Task Force recommendations.

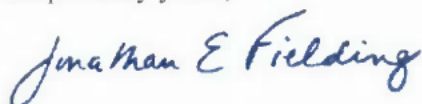
The Task Force is an independent, Federally-appointed, uncompensated panel of experts in prevention who help improve the health of all Americans by making evidence-based recommendations about community preventive services, programs, and policies that are effective in preventing disease, disability, and injury; promoting health; and improving quality of life. The Task Force bases its recommendations on comprehensive systematic reviews and assessment of the available evidence. The recommendations are compiled in the *Guide to Community Preventive Services (Community Guide)*; www.thecommunityguide.org) as a resource for decision makers in business, communities, health departments, health plans, health systems, non-governmental organizations, and at all levels of government. Recommendations are not mandates or requirements but instead help inform the decision making of those whose direct mandate is to help improve health, as well as those in a wide range of other sectors whose decisions may have an impact on health.

The Task Force relies on the work of an excellent professional and scientific staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who are mandated to provide administrative, research, and technical support to the Task Force. The Task Force and staff are joined in reviewing the evidence by scientists and program and policy experts from agencies, organizations, and institutions at federal, state, and local levels. Representatives of 30 leading public health and health care organizations and agencies serve as official Liaisons to the Task Force and provide input into all aspects of our work.

The work of the Task Force complements that of our sister panel, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, which makes recommendations about the effectiveness of clinical preventive services and health promotion. Taken together, the recommendations of the two Task Forces provide our nation with knowledge of how health is improved by prevention in both clinical and community settings. These two reports are being submitted to you together to demonstrate the close collaboration of the two Task Forces, and to provide a full picture of our nation's prevention research and evaluation needs.

Thank you for the role your agency plays in helping to protect and improve health for all Americans.

Respectfully yours,



Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, MBA, MA
Chair

Attachment

The logo for Consumer Watchdog features a stylized dog head profile on the left, composed of several horizontal lines. To the right of the dog head, the word "Consumer" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, and the word "Watchdog" is written below it in a larger, bolder, sans-serif font.

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RE: EPA MPG for 2011, 2012 Hyundai Elantra, request for re-test

Dear Ms. Jackson, Ms. Oge and Mr. Grundler,

We admire the success of this administration and your agency in achieving consensus on substantially improved automotive fleet MPG, after years of inaction by previous administrations. Your action has resulted in the active marketing of new models based on high MPG, a market response that comports with the EPA's aims.

As the holiday season commences, automakers are touting discounts and year-end deals; record-high gasoline prices for the season will make MPG a significant part of their red-bow advertising. Consumers will actively count MPG in their calculation of a holiday deal, for both pocketbook and air quality reasons.

This makes the accuracy of EPA MPG estimates all the more important, to prevent any maker from marketing autos on a stated city or highway MPG that substantially misstates the result that drivers will get on the road. In general, the new EPA MPG estimates seem to comport closely to real-world results. For instance, driver reports to the EPA on the last few model years of the Honda Civic show average on-road results about 2 mpg above the EPA estimate. The same is true for the Toyota Corolla. (The two models cited are among the few that had enough reports to be credible for a single model).

Overall, the EPA estimates and on-road results for gasoline engines are quite close in tests by enthusiast magazines. The general lack of discrepancies is very good news,

However, a notable exception to this rule has caught the attention of Consumer Watchdog. For the two most recent model years, Hyundai Motors has actively marketed its base models of the Elantra on their very high 29/40 MPG, and 33 MPG average, leaving a trail of disappointed drivers. An Edmunds online Town Hall

discussion on the Elantra attracted scores of drivers who can't, no matter how hard they try, duplicate such numbers.

One very public example of this was USA Today tech writer Jefferson Graham, whose Sept. 22 article on his new Elantra expressed his disappointment that he averaged only 22 MPG, a gap that no "break-in" period seems likely to fill.

Additionally, while Motor Trend named the 2011 Elantra Car of the Year in its class, the magazine's on-road testers achieved only a very disappointing 26.5 MPG average, bad enough to get special note in the review. Consumers Union found similar fault in with the 2012 Elantra, a redesign. While CU's highway mileage was 39, its city mileage, with experienced drivers who know how to drive a low-mileage auto, was only 20 MPG--very far from the listed 29 MPG.

Elantra drivers reporting their Elantra MPG to the EPA (there were 18 reports, an unusually high number, for the 2011 model), found they averaged only 26.5 MPG, also far from 33.

Consumers are increasingly buying new and used cars on the basis of their fuel economy, which makes significant discrepancies in listed and real mileage an important consumer issue. The Elantra's MPG discrepancies appear to be far more serious than those of similar models by other makers, disappointing and angering buyers who can't reach the listed MPG no matter how gently they try to drive.

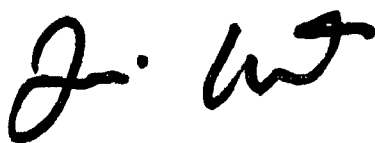
Consumer Watchdog requests that the EPA re-test the 2011 and 2012 Elantra models in its own facility, to seek an explanation for the MPG disappointments of so many Elantra buyers. For instance, was Hyundai's own testing overly reliant on its low-power ECO mode (Which could be dangerous for drivers trying to enter a freeway, pass another driver or stay with traffic in hilly areas)? If so, do other makers with similar low-power modes test their cars in identical fashion? If not, that would make the Elantra's MPG claims deceptive.

What consumers need when buying a car is full and accurate information. Hyundai and other makers actively trade on the EPA's seal of approval when marketing their cars, and any manipulation or errors in MPG tests can only harm the EPA's reputation.

If your re-testing finds the Elantra's manufacturer testing inaccurate even by a few MPG we ask that you assess a substantial penalty on the manufacturer, including fines, notification to buyers of its recent Elantra models and rebates that cover drivers' added cost of fuel for average yearly miles driven.

Gasoline prices remain at record high levels for this season, making efficiency a top purchasing issue for consumers. Neither Hyundai for any other car company should be allowed to misrepresent its efficiency standards or dupe consumers into buying its cars. We ask you, through prompt re-testing and action as needed, to send a message to the company and the auto industry that MPG misrepresentation will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,



Jamie Court



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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson:

The Government Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) held its thirty-sixth meeting on October 20-21 in Austin, Texas.

We would like to thank Sylvia Correa, Senior Advisor for North American Programs in OITA for her presentations at the session. Sylvia provided background on the draft CEC Communications Plan, which is the heart of the advice that follows. She also briefed us on the status of NAPECA Grants and provided context during our discussion on the history of Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessments. Thanks also to Acting Director Cynthia Jones-Jackson, Associate Director Mark Joyce and NAC/GAC Designated Federal Officer Oscar Carrillo, and all of the Office of Federal Advisory Committee Management and Outreach (OFACMO) staff for their excellent preparatory work and the support they provided during the meeting.

Evan Lloyd, Executive Director of the CEC Secretariat, gave a report by telephone on the status of the CEC's 2011 programs and other work in progress. We also had the pleasure of receiving a report on the history and current operations of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission from General Manager Maria Elena Giner. The BECC plays a critical role in addressing US-Mexico border region concerns for healthy communities and the opportunity to learn more about their origins, activities and plans was very helpful to the committee.

Iresema Coronado, the chair of the Joint Public Advisory Committee, gave a report on JPAC activities including their continuing investigation into the challenges of electronic waste and the JPAC's survey of SEM process participants.

Meeting in Texas provided the GAC with an opportunity to hear from state and U.S. officials responsible for projects 'on the ground'. During the joint session with the NAC we were briefed by Stephen Niemeyer of TCEQ and Cindy Loeffler of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on a series of environmental and wildlife challenges and programs to address them, including the devastating drought of 2011. GAC member and meeting host, TCEQ Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein, presented a report on his department's efforts to protect and restore the quality of surface waters along the Mexican border. Joining him to provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife perspective was Aimee Roberson, who briefed the

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committees on the bi-national conservation cooperative in the Big Bend-Rio Bravo region. Finally, to provide a Northern Border perspective, NAC member Ray Lozano, provided background on the bi-national water quality challenges in the Great Lakes region and the national, state and international efforts to address them.

In response to the committees' continuing interest in the SEM process and the review of that process currently underway, Jocelyn Adkins of the U.S. EPA Office of General Council provided a summary of the review's progress by telephone.

And in response to a request from NAC Chair Karen Chapman, our agenda also included a discussion of Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (TEIA) and the reasons for the CEC's inability to make progress toward an agreement. John Knox, of Wake Forest University and former NAC Chair, and Sylvia Correa offered excellent historical perspectives on the issue, and prompted the GAC to offer the advice which follows.

In conclusion, we appreciate EPA's continued support of our role in advising the United States Government on the enhancement of environmental conditions throughout North America, and look forward to supporting your efforts in the future.

Sincerely,


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Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
to the U.S. Representative to the
Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)

**Advice 2011-4:
CEC Communication Strategy**

The charge question posed to the committee was as follows:

CEC Communication Strategy

1. *Based on strong advice from the NAC/GAC and JPAC, this year the Council directed the Secretariat to develop a CEC Communication strategy. The draft strategy addresses corporate communications messages and tactics as well as specific messages and actions in support of the projects in the 2011-12 Operational Plan. It also proposes roles and opportunities for Council and JPAC members, as well as other partners, to engage in CEC communications. The U.S. would like the NAC and GAC to provide feedback on this important tool.*
 - a. *General comments on framework, measurable outcomes and strategies*
 - b. *Identify strengths and weakness in the strategy*
 - c. *Ways to improve the outreach and messaging*
 - d. *Other*

Readers of past GAC advice letters are likely to recall that this committee has regularly called for improved communications, greater target-audience awareness and planned, coordinated outreach at the CEC, and in particular the Secretariat. Most current and past GAC members were unaware of the CEC or its programs before their appointment to the committee. Once introduced to the CEC's mission and work products GAC members invariably see their great value to states, localities and tribal nations, and as a result encourage improved communications. The GAC therefore applauds the development of the Draft Communication Strategy and notes with appreciation several of the Strategy's components which echo our past advice.

The GAC understands that the Strategy was developed in-house by the staff at the Secretariat. This is impressive as we see the Strategy as comprehensive and containing a significant amount of detail. We note in particular the definition of roles and opportunities for the four critical groups; the Council, JPAC, Secretariat and Partners. The Strategy recognizes the different challenges and opportunities of these groups and recognizes the need for separate but coordinated communications plans for each.

During our deliberative breakout session GAC members spent a good deal of time discussing the Communication Goals and the general scope of the draft Strategy. The Strategy states the twin goals as "increase awareness" and "enhance reputation." On the first goal, we wrestled with the notion of using media and communications to create awareness of the Commission's "brand" and concluded that general "branding" communications across North America would require funding in excess of the total CEC budget, and even that would not guarantee achievement of awareness at desired levels. The GAC concluded that creating general public awareness was both beyond the ability of the CEC and unnecessary.

"Awareness" needs to be established among specific audiences for whom the CEC's programs and products would be a benefit. It is the recommendation of the GAC that this can be best achieved by communicating the CEC's programs, activities and success stories to these

audiences. If this is done effectively, the CEC's "brand" and reputation will be enhanced without the need of any additional effort.

The draft Strategy recognizes the need for project communications, given the emphasis on program and project messaging. But the Strategy lacks focus and may be ambitious beyond the ability of the CEC to achieve with expected resources. For example, the goals are very broadly stated and do not speak to the relevance of the CEC to target audiences.

The Strategy should therefore look first at its projects and develop project-specific communications. What communities are affected? Who might benefit from knowledge about the project? What special advantages or disadvantages do these groups have and how can CEC communications methods exploit or overcome them? Which communications tools or methods would be most effective? Who are the CEC's Partners and allies in the project and what can they do to assist the CEC with effective communications?

This approach goes significantly beyond program messaging as addressed in the Strategy. The GAC recognizes that the number and diversity of CEC programs and projects would make this an undertaking of comparable ambition to that of the current draft. We therefore recommend that the Secretariat evaluate its projects and programs and focus its communications efforts toward those projects for which the opportunity is the greatest. It is critical that the effort be 'right-sized' to the audiences affected and the resources available. Selection of projects for communications priority might also consider the target audiences and attempt to find at least one project that will connect with each audience every year.

The *Communication Messages and Communication Tactics* sections are actually elements of an implementation plan, describing in detail how the Strategy will be implemented. While this is critical, the Strategy would benefit from separating strategic communications goals, objectives and methods from the implementation details, which could be presented in a companion document. For example, the overall document is called the "Communication Strategy", which begins with "Roles and Opportunities", then moves to broadly stated "Goals", and then defines "Audiences". Next we have "Measureable Outcomes for 2011-2012", and then "Strategies", "Messages" and "Tactics", within which we once again find "Strategies". While the content of the Strategy is comprehensive, its organization is confused or at the very least confusing. If the Strategy is confusing and lacks focus we fear that so, too, will the communications that flow from it.

Another general concern is the *lack of an organizational chart and clear statement of who is responsible for getting this done*. For example, the Communications and Publications Manager is mentioned only once on page 12. The Media and Outreach Officer gets three mentions, all on page 13. The Strategy and companion Implementation Plan should clearly set out the roles and responsibilities of these individuals and to a lesser degree any others within the CEC structure – the Council Members and staff, the Secretariat staff, Executive Director, JPAC members and Chair, and Partners in all three nations.

On the question of *measurability of outcomes*, the GAC observes that several measureable targets are listed under "Measureable Outcomes for 2011-2012". Others are planned but first require the development of baselines against which to measure future progress. But in general it appears the metrics are too few and somewhat superficial. In our breakout session the GAC discussed the report from BECC General Manager Maria Elena Giner, presented during the joint NAC-GAC session on October 20th. The BECC's report was replete with metrics that not only

permitted measurement of progress but allowed General Manager Giner to communicate very effectively the accomplishments of her organization. While the CEC has a different mission the benefits of focusing on measurement and reporting are the same. We note here that the current CEC Operational Plan has made strides in this direction. But just as program measurements are key to effective communications, establishing, measuring and reporting communications metrics are key to knowing whether real progress is being made toward “Increased Awareness”.

GAC members also noted *inattention within the Strategy to the challenges of communications with disadvantaged communities and indigenous peoples*. Tribes are listed as a “Target Audience” but they are not mentioned anywhere else in the document. Given the special challenges associated with communications with these and disadvantaged communities, some discussion of how the CEC will effectively reach these people is needed. The Strategy could state the need and a commitment to address this, and the Implementation Plan could identify specific actions to be undertaken toward that end.

In summary, the GAC recommends the following:

The draft Strategy should be divided into two documents; a Strategy and Implementation Plan to distinguish between general communications goals, priorities and methods and the Operational Plan-level actions to carry it out.

- 1. The draft Strategy should focus on a limited number of project or program specific communications efforts that collectively serve the purposes of the overall Strategy.*
- 2. The responsibility for carrying out elements of the Strategy and Implementation Plan needs to be clearly stated by position title and group to ensure accountability.*
- 3. To a larger degree than currently proposed the Strategy and Implementation Plan need to identify and use carefully thought out metrics against which progress can be measured and reported.*
- 4. Attention needs to be paid to the methods used to communicate with indigenous and disadvantaged communities. The Strategy should acknowledge this as a priority and indicate that project-specific communications involving these communities must successfully address this need.*

In addition to the formal charge question, we were asked in the meeting to **offer advice on what the members of the NAC, GAC and others might be able to do to help improve awareness of the CEC and its programs among key audiences.** The following items are offered in response to this request.

- 1. The EPA should provide guidance for NAC and GAC meetings regarding press and public notice. The host of this meeting was not sure whether it was appropriate for his office to notify local media about the meeting and potentially provide coverage. If EPA provided clear pre-meeting guidance to both hosts and attendees it would avoid future confusion.*
- 2. The EPA Press Office should provide NAC and GAC attendees with 'fill in the blanks' press notices for use by attendees in their home media markets. GAC members are public officials and can attract local media attention to the CEC and its work simply by informing the media of their membership. These notices should include information hyperlinks and should be provided for use on web pages and as press releases. This would simplify and encourage members to let the folks at home know that the member is associated with the committee, and by extension, the CEC.*
- 3. The Secretariat should prepare short PowerPoint presentations and hand out materials for use by members of GAC, NAC, JPAC and other affiliated groups to present to their peers at meetings of associations and organizations of which they are members. GAC, NAC and JPAC members should be encouraged to seek opportunities at regional or national meetings to get this information before the membership. Presentations could be designed to include interchangeable program-specific detail for audiences with a particular interest. For example, one GAC member currently chairs the National Association of Counties. Other examples of GAC-related groups include the National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Environmental Council of the States and dozens of other national, regional and state-level groups. Committee members should be encouraged to seek these opportunities and the availability of presentation materials minimizes the demands placed on the committee member.*

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
to the U.S. Representative to the
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**Advice 2011-5:
Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessments**

The GAC shares the frustration of the U.S. Government over the long-standing impasse on this issue. The GAC also notes that the BECC has approved 100 projects in Mexico and 95 in the United States, all of which were required to perform an EIA under BECC rules.

The problem stems from a difference in legal definitions of projects that must undertake an EIA in Mexico and in the United States, resulting in the perception that there is a quantitative or qualitative difference in the projects that would be subject to this requirement on either side of the border. Based upon the presentations by the BECC and John Knox, the GAC is unconvinced that such a difference materially exists.

The GAC therefore recommends that the CEC undertake a study of past-approved projects on both sides of the border over some extended period of time to ascertain the number and nature of projects that were exempt from the requirement in one country, but would have been subject to it in the other. Such an analysis should include a study of BECC-funded projects and should help clarify to what degree the difference in national legal standards has actually affected required project reviews.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
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**Advice 2011-6:
Briefing Request on Tribal Status**

The GAC discussed the long-standing challenges confronted by tribal nations on both sides of the border resulting from the difference in their legal status between the U.S. and Mexico, and to a lesser degree, Canada. This issue was highlighted for members during the GAC's meeting on October 23-24, 2008, at the Cocopah Reservation in Somerton, AZ. The last few years have seen an increase in tension between the two nations over US and border state actions associated with illegal immigration. The GAC requests that a future meeting agenda include briefings on this issue as it relates to both borders to help members better understand the legal, historical, political and social dimensions of the difference in legal status of indigenous tribes in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC)
to the U.S. Representative to the
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**Advice 2011-7:
Panel of Experts Review**

The GAC learned about the appointment and charge of the Panel of Experts and their review of the CEC through the presentation by Executive Director Evan Lloyd. The GAC requests that we be kept informed of the POE's progress and, when appropriate, their findings. EPA may also want to seek the GAC's advice on the POE's findings and recommendations in a future GAC meeting.



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Dear Ms. Jackson:

Shekóli. Your participation in President Obama's third White House Tribal Nations Conference helped make the event a success. Your presence, as well as the presence of so many other Cabinet members and high-level federal officials, contributes immeasurably to the sense of genuine cooperation and good-faith dealings that tribal communities have sought for so long. It was my pleasure to attend.

Your commitment to improving tribal-federal relations and taking practical action reflects the commitment we have seen throughout President Obama's administration and makes this annual gathering more meaningful than many such conferences.

Again, thank you for your time and dedication to the ideals behind the Tribal Nations Conference. If we continue to work together, there is nothing that we cannot achieve.

Na ki' wa,

Ray Halbritter
Nation Representative

What Congress can learn from Native Americans

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By Ray Halbritter

Oneida Indian Nation Representative and CEO, Oneida Nation Enterprises

Native Americans understand through very personal experience that this country's history is one of conflict and compromise. At our finest moments, Indian and American political leaders have worked together to promote a positive vision and a sense of responsibility toward future generations. In many cases that partnership has resulted in achieving a common ground where mutually beneficial compromise is possible.

THE DAILY CALLER OPINION

As the U.S. Congress finds itself in gridlock, it would be wise to step back and study the history and resolve of American Indians to see that there is another path — one that leads to cooperation and creativity and a better future for all, which is different from the path it finds itself on now.

For tribal governments, an approach to difficult issues is nothing new. Long before European explorers and settlers arrived on these shores, tribes negotiated trade agreements, territory boundaries and countless other issues with each other to ensure each party's long-term security and stability.

When the Oneidas had to decide whether to support the British or the Americans during the Revolutionary War, the Oneida people weighed the issue carefully and deliberately to determine the course that would best serve future generations; in the end, despite the risks to themselves, we chose to fight for liberty and independence on the grounds that, without these things, we could not preserve the security of the faces yet unborn.

The Oneidas' role in the Revolutionary War was recognized by the 2nd Continental Congress in 1777, and in 1794 the Oneidas signed the Treaty of Canandaigua that stated the

Oneida Indian Nation "shall be secure in their lands forever." Tragically, in the 200 years that followed the signing of that important historical treaty, the Oneida Indian Nation, like so many other Indian Nations, had our lands taken and our families displaced, and for generations we were treated as less than human.

The horrific injustices perpetrated against Indian people — and to be clear, that have and in some cases continue to be validated by the courts in violation of the sacred promises made but not kept by this country — have not made us lose sight of our larger goal: providing a better future for our people and our community. It is against this backdrop that we understand how some people may view the current situation in Washington as hopeless. But today, the White House is hosting a Tribal Nations Conference.

Students of history know that relations between the federal government and this country's First Americans have been anything but close over the past 250 years. The wants and needs of the federal government too often are diametrically opposed to the best interests of tribal governments. Likewise, tribal needs and wants often are counter to federal government policies and philosophies.

Yet, since 2009, President Obama has brought together representatives of all 565 federally recognized tribal governments at an annual summit, where these representatives can interact directly with the president and senior staff.

Rather than focus on the issues that drive us apart, the administration has shown that it understands people can work together to bring about positive change. Indian Nations and President Obama have made honest efforts to work together in good faith on behalf of the seventh generation yet to come. Members of Congress should see this as a different path if they want to move in a more productive direction.

Ray Halbritter is Oneida Nation Representative and CEO of Nation Enterprises, including Turning Stone Resort Casino.



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December 8, 2011

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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
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RE: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0409

Dear Administrator Jackson and Assistant Secretary Darcy:

This letter is in reference to your recent draft submission "Waters of the U.S." submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). This document has implications for any county with public infrastructure and other projects, and due to concerns on the part of this Board, we respectfully request that the EPA and Corps withdraw this Draft Guidance. Our position is based on the following reasons:

1. Counties have already reduced budgets immensely and at great sacrifice, and state cuts are still expected in the future. Counties must maintain their ability to effectively serve and protect the public. Federal mandates through this Draft Guidance will only cost counties additional monies.
2. The Draft Guidance already states that there will be consequences for state, tribal and local governments concerning whether or not a waterbody is subject to the Clean Water Act (CWA). However, it does not define specific impact. Our concern is that it may create unfunded mandates and preemptions, without necessarily ensuring clean water. We agree with NACo's recommendation to use the Administrative Procedures Act's (APA) rulemaking process, rather than a guidance document, so as to involve state and local governments in the process.
3. We believe that collaboration between EPA and Corps with state, tribal and local governments could address issues and concerns, especially with federal rules and regulations. This collaboration will only strengthen the focus on the Clean Water Act, which is a primary concern for all of us.
4. We are also concerned about negative effects on all CWA programs:
 - The Draft Guidance focuses on the 404 permit program without properly considering other CWA programs, such as the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), total maximum daily load (TMDL) and other water quality standards programs, state water quality certification process or Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (OPCC) programs.
 - There would likely be substantial delays, both before and after federal jurisdiction is claimed, as there may be a multitude of regulatory requirements, such as environmental impact statements, NEPA and impacts on ESA, in addition to delays due to approval processes, negotiation processes, all at a considerable cost. It is paramount that 404 permits be processed in a timely manner to avoid declining public safety and environmental protection.

- While EPA and Corps have indicated that there should be no changes to the NPDES permit program, this is not stated in the Draft Guidance. How will changes to the "Waters of the U.S." impact both the current and proposed changes to the 402 NPDES permit program? Clarification should be noted in the Draft Guidance.
 - We request that the Draft Guidance contain more details on county-owned forest roads, so that a financial determination can be made concerning NPDES permits for roads served by ditches or culverts that eventually discharge to natural surface waters and not already regulated by the CWA.
 - Once again, we are concerned with financial hardship due to EPA mandates for a pesticide permit for all "Waters of the U.S."
 - Counties which have their own watershed/storm water management plan would need to modify those plans due to increased/expanded water quality designations, TMDLs and wasteload and load allocations.
 - In the event of a natural disaster, counties may not be allowed to clean up areas designated as "Waters of the U.S.", damaging habitat and posing a threat to public health.
5. Last but not least, we are concerned with the increase of waters under federal jurisdiction for the following reasons:
- Tributaries, under Draft Guidance definition, would include tributaries that have been channelized and lined in concrete, which would increase the number of tributaries for counties. While ditch maintenance is currently exempted, counties are still required to obtain 404 permits to cut down vegetation and/or clean out debris of man-made ditches. This also could cause financial burden on counties. We request that human-made ditches, streets and gutters not be included in "Waters of the U.S."
 - Interstate Waters, under Draft Guidance definition, would be expanded to include several thousand miles.
 - Draft Guidance definition for seasonal waters needs to be further defined, as what constitutes seasonal waters could vary greatly in various regions. Impact would be unidentifiable under the current Draft Guidance.

In summary, we recommend the Draft Guidance be withdrawn and instead, a unified effort through state and local governments be utilized in order to:

- Establish a formal rule-making process;
- Consult state and local governments on Federalism and preemption issues;
- Conduct more analysis on the impact for all Clean Water Act programs;
- Ascertain the validity for the addition of waters and conveyance that will fall under Federal jurisdiction;
- Eliminate contradicting provisions.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Ann M. Obrecht, President



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Dear Administrator Jackson:

Thank you for meeting with me during my recent trip to Washington, D.C. I appreciated the chance to talk about a few issues that are important to each of us.

We at ADM share the President's vision that biofuels are making a positive impact on our nation's economy, helping to protect the environment, and enhancing our energy security. As we discussed, the goal of the RFS is not only achievable, but vital in bringing prosperity to rural America, and reducing our nation's greenhouse gas emissions.

If, in the future, you would like to visit any of our facilities, please let my Washington office know and we would be glad to accommodate you in any way we can.

I look forward to seeing you again, and thank you sincerely for your public service.

Sincerely,

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Patricia A. Woertz

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December 14, 2011

The Honorable Lisa Perez Jackson
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Dear Administrator Perez Jackson:

We appreciate your agency's assistance and collaboration during the recent process of setting the FY 2012 and FY 2013 small business contracting goals. With the help of your agency, the process was consistent, transparent, and analytical.

Every two years, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) works with federal agencies to set their small business procurement goals. As you may know, the Small Business Act (The Act) provides that each agency shall have an annual goal that represents, for that agency, the maximum practicable opportunity for small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, small business concerns owned and controlled by women, small business concerns owned and controlled by service disabled veterans, and qualified Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small business concerns to participate in the performance of contracts led by that agency.

The Act provides for the establishment of government-wide goals for award of not less than 23% of the total value of Federal prime contracts to small businesses each fiscal year. It also provides for the establishment of individual prime contracting goals for small disadvantaged businesses (SDB): 5%, women-owned small businesses (WOSB): 5%, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB): 3%, and HUBZone small businesses: 3%. The Act further provides that agencies negotiate goals with SBA that represents that agency's maximum practicable utilization of small businesses.

The Act does not set a statutory government-wide requirement for small business subcontracting participation. However, it does mandate a subcontracting government-wide goal for SDB, WOSB, SDVOSB, and HUBZone of 5%, 5%, 3% and 3%, respectively.

The SBA issued proposed agency goals for FY 2012 and FY 2013 on October 18, 2011. Fifteen agencies responded to our initial proposal with counter-proposals, while nine agencies accepted the proposed goals without further discussion. The counter-proposals, in totality, would have resulted in a government-wide goal of less than the 23% mandate. As a result, the SBA evaluated the counter-proposals, goals and supporting documentation, and utilized a fact-based, data-driven and analytical approach to set goals. We utilized three key data points to set prime contracting goals: 1) agency's past performance; 2) agency's future forecasts; and 3) SBA's analysis and DOD's Maximum Practicable Opportunity Analysis Model (MaxPrac) tool and granted adjusted goals accordingly to ensure the establishment of a 23% government-wide goal.

The data we provided will help your agency identify the specific funding offices and NAICS codes for which there is the most small business opportunity. For subcontracting, SBA determined your agency's goal by analyzing your FY 2010 performance, your FY 2008-2010 average performance, your current FY 2010-2011 goal, and your agency's proposed FY 2012 and FY 2013 goal.

Below please find your agency's FY 2012 and FY 2013 final small business prime and subcontracting goals. Please note that we have made the decision to set every agency's socio-economic prime and subcontracting goals at the government-wide mandated level.

Environmental Protection Agency Final FY 2012/2013 Goals

FY 2012/2013 Proposed Goals		
	Prime	Sub
Small Business	42.0%	55.0%
SDB	5.0%	5.0%
WOSB	5.0%	5.0%
SDVOSB	3.0%	3.0%
HUBZone	3.0%	3.0%


Please note agencies that choose not to accept these final goals may appeal to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP). Please also note that at the end of FY 2012, SBA will review agencies' FY 2012/2013 goals and negotiate adjustments as appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the goaling process, please contact Ms. Ilene Rubio, Goaling Manager, at (202) 205-6579 or via e-mail at ilene.rubio@sba.gov.

The Honorable Lisa Perez Jackson
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Thank you for your continued support of the small business community, and for making substantive contracting opportunities available to it.

With Warmest Regards,



Karen G. Mills

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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson,

The National Advisory Committee (NAC) to the U.S. Representative to the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation held its thirty-sixth meeting on October 20-21, 2011, in Austin, Texas.

The NAC extends special thanks to Carlos Rubinstein of the Governmental Advisory Committee for helping to arrange the meeting in Austin, as well as NAC/GAC Designated Federal Officer Oscar Carrillo. As always, NAC members appreciate the assistance from the Federal Advisory Committee Management and Outreach Office (OFACMO) staff including Cynthia Jones-Jackson, Oscar Carrillo, Stephanie McCoy, Lois Williams and Mark Joyce. We also thank Sylvia Correa, Senior Advisor for North American Programs in the Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) for attending the meeting to discuss current US priorities related to the CEC Operational Plan and NAPECA grants, and for being on hand to answer questions throughout the meeting.

We were very grateful to all the presenters for sharing excellent presentations illuminating subjects of interest along the US-Mexico border relating to infrastructure under NAFTA, water and wildlife impacts, and cross-border collaboration on shared resources. We heard informative and interesting presentations from Maria Elena Giner, Director of the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission, Cindy Loeffler of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Steve Niemeyer with the Office of Border Affairs at the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, Carlos Rubinstein, TCEQ Commissioner, and Aimee Roberson of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

We were also very grateful to Evan Lloyd, current Executive Director of the CEC, for providing us an update via phone on the CEC Operational Plan implementation, and to Jocelyn Adkins from EPA's Office of General Counsel for providing an update on the SEM review process. We thank Irasema Coronado, Chair of the Joint Public Advisory Committee, for attending our meeting and providing an update on JPAC. Finally, we are also very grateful to John Knox, who phoned in to our meeting to provide an overview of the Transboundary Environmental Impact Assessment (TEIA) agreement history and current status.

The Austin meeting provided us with an opportunity for discussion of key topics of great interest to our committee, including the CEC Communications Strategy, SEM review and TEIA. In

addition to these topics, the NAC discussed the Trade and Environment Review that is already underway, which we found interesting and worth further discussion.

Our discussion on these topics led us to agree on several items that we would like to request be included on our next committee meeting agenda in the Spring. First, we respectfully request a thorough update on the SEM review process with sufficient time for discussion and questions and answers with an EPA official involved in the review. In order for the discussion to be as constructive and helpful as possible, we request that a detailed update on the issues and options for improvement under consideration be provided to us prior to this meeting. Second, the NAC requests a presentation on the Trade and Environment Review from an EPA representative, or a presenter with objective and close knowledge of the review process as it currently stands. We thank you in advance for considering these requests.

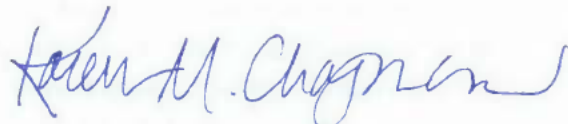
In response to your letter of June 9, 2011, in which you reiterate your commitment to providing fora and other opportunities to highlight indigenous peoples issues, we thank you. We understand that establishing an indigenous subcommittee among the NAC/GAC and JPAC is not feasible at this time. We are, however, interested in your thoughts on how we can work with you to help elevate tribal issues on a substantive level within EPA and the Office of International and Tribal Affairs.

The NAC very sincerely hopes that the advice we provide you is useful, and we are grateful for the time and attention you take to review and think about this advice. We are also extremely grateful to Assistant Administrator Michelle DePass for taking the time to reach out to have informal conversations with the NAC/GAC chairs prior to our meeting and on an on-going basis. This type of engagement is particularly meaningful to me as Chair, as it helps to frame our advice and our committee discussions.

I am also very grateful to you for the time that you took to spend with some members of the NAC and GAC during the Council Session in Montreal. Your commitment to the committees and willingness to engage informally is valuable and ensures greater understanding on our part of your priorities and thoughts related to the role of the EPA in trade and environment issues. Related to that, we reiterate our desire to meet with you as a full committee in person when feasible, particularly when we meet in DC, as it is not possible given EPA's budget for more than one or two members to travel to the Council Sessions.

Thank you for continuing to support our committee and our role as advisors to you and the US government on North American environmental issues. Please call on me at any time if I can be helpful in explaining our advice further.

Very truly yours,



Karen M. Chapman, Chair
National Advisory Committee

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment



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Dear Administrator Jackson:

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is writing you to support the October 2011 petition of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to add n-propyl bromide (1-bromopropane; CAS No. 106-94-5) to the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). In 2004, the State of California listed 1-bromopropane as a chemical known to cause developmental toxicity and male and female reproductive toxicity, pursuant to the State's Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, popularly known as Proposition 65. The listing was based on a 2003 report by the National Toxicology Program's Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction, which identified 1-bromopropane as causing those toxic effects.

Perchloroethylene is being gradually phased out of dry cleaning in California and will not be used in dry cleaning by anyone in California after 2023. Since 1-bromopropane is a candidate to replace perchloroethylene, our Office has continued to study the effects of 1-bromopropane. We are concerned about the proposed use of 1-bromopropane in dry cleaning in California because of the several types of toxicity of the chemical (which include neurotoxicity, developmental toxicity, reproductive toxicity, and cancer and are summarized in the NYSDEC petition) and the limited knowledge of industrial hygiene in small dry cleaning establishments. We would be glad to submit details of our findings, if necessary, as a complement to the NYSDEC findings.

If you would like to discuss OEHHA's perspective on this issue with, please call me at (916) 322-6325.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Ms. Jackson:

Enclosed is the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2012. The AOP for 2012 contains both the past operations of the Colorado River Reservoirs for the completed year as well as the projected plan of operation on Colorado River reservoirs for 2012 based on the most probable runoff conditions. The plan of operation reflects use of the reservoirs for all purposes consistent with the Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968. The AOP for 2012 incorporates the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and the Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (2007 Interim Guidelines).

The AOP for 2012 was prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation in consultation with: the seven Colorado River Basin States Governors' representatives; the Upper Colorado River Commission; Native American tribes; appropriate Federal agencies; representatives of the academic and scientific communities, environmental organizations, and the recreation industry; water delivery contractors; contractors for the purchase of Federal power; others interested in Colorado River operations; and the general public, through the Colorado River Management Work Group (Work Group). The Work Group held meetings on May 31, July 28, and August 30, 2011.

Given the hydrologic variability of the Colorado River System, the 2012 water year release from Lake Powell is projected to be in the range of 9.46 million acre-feet (maf) (11,670 million cubic meters [mcm]) to 14.48 maf (17,860 mcm) or greater. As of the most current projections, Lake Powell's most probable 2012 water year release is 12.04 maf (14,850 mcm). These projections are updated monthly and are available at: <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/studies/index.html>.


Water deliveries in the Lower Basin during calendar year 2012 will be limited to 7.5 maf (9,250 mcm) plus or minus any credits for Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS). The 2007 Interim Guidelines adopted the ICS mechanism that among other things encourages the efficient use and management of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin. The ICS may be created and delivered in 2012 pursuant to the 2007 Interim Guidelines and appropriate delivery and forbearance agreements.

A volume of up to 1.5 maf (1,850 mcm) of water will be scheduled for delivery to the Republic of Mexico during calendar year 2012 in accordance with Article 15 of the 1944 United States-Mexico Water Treaty and Minutes No. 242, 314, and 318 of the International Boundary and Water Commission.

Inflow to Lake Powell has been below average in 9 of the past 12 water years (2000-2011). This 12-year period is the second lowest in over 100 years of record keeping on the Colorado River. Accordingly, all water users in the Colorado River Basin are encouraged to prudently manage the use of available supplies.

The Department of the Interior continues to closely monitor water supply conditions in the Colorado River Basin and looks forward to continuing to work with your representatives and other interested stakeholders regarding the management of this vital river system.

Sincerely,


Ken Salazar

Enclosure

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December 21, 2011

Dear President Barack Obama,

We, the undersigned Latino community leaders, organizations, health professionals and concerned citizens would like to thank you and Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator, for acting on behalf of our health and the health of our families by adopting historic safeguards against mercury and other toxic air pollution.

It is well known that mercury is one of the leading causes of preventable birth defects. With this rule, you have helped to protect our children from increased risks of brain damage, cerebral palsy and other developmental problems. This action will also help to prevent thousands of premature deaths, heart attacks, and serious respiratory illnesses saving struggling families enormous health care costs, work days lost and much suffering.

This rule is especially important to the Latino community because according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Latino children have higher levels of mercury in their bodies compared with non-Hispanic white children. With 39 percent of Latinos living near a power plant, emissions controls are a critically needed and welcome safeguard.

Truly protective standards for mercury and other air toxics will reduce mercury emissions from power plants and will help Latino children across the country to avoid preventable birth defects and learning delays and have a brighter, healthier future and call on our congressional representatives to stop their attempts to sacrifice the lives and health of Americans.

Sincerely,

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Subject Incorporating the NAS Recommendations into the Dioxin Assessment

Message Body

Dear Administrator Jackson:

As more fully discussed in the appended letter, in light of the recent passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2055), I urge EPA to withdraw the dioxin assessment from interagency review and take the necessary steps to implement the NAS recommendations. As EPA works to fully implement the NAS recommendations, it is worth noting that the Agency's efforts to manage dioxin emissions have been successful. Indeed, as a result of both regulatory and voluntary initiatives, U.S. dioxin emissions from man-made sources have dramatically declined and environmental levels of dioxin have plummeted. Thank you for your ongoing attention to this important matter. ACC looks forward to significant IRIS enhancements in 2012 and EPA's revised and unabridged dioxin assessment.

Sincerely,

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December 20, 2011

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Dear Administrator Jackson:

As you are aware, this past Saturday Congress passed the "Consolidated Appropriations Act" (H.R. 2055), which included critical provisions to advance the scientific integrity of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) program. Under H.R. 2055, EPA is to implement the recommendations from Chapter 7 of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report on EPA's draft assessment of formaldehyde into the IRIS process, impacting not only new assessments but ongoing assessments as well. IRIS assessments that reflect the highest standard of scientific inquiry, as called for in H.R. 2055, are in the nation's best interests.

H.R. 2055 also directs EPA to include documentation describing how the NAS Chapter 7 recommendations have been implemented or addressed in all IRIS assessments released in Fiscal Year 2012. The documentation is to include an explanation for why certain recommendations were not incorporated. Thus, it is incumbent on EPA to fully explain how the IRIS assessment of dioxin comports with the NAS recommendations. To comply with Congress's direction, EPA should withdraw the dioxin assessment from interagency review and take the necessary steps to implement the NAS recommendations.

Despite EPA's long standing position to issue a complete dioxin assessment, the Agency dramatically changed direction in late August 2011. EPA now intends to issue the assessment in a piecemeal fashion, with non-cancer and cancer sections issued independent of one another and at different times. EPA's bifurcation of the dioxin assessment runs counter to the NAS recommendation that IRIS assessments evaluate all relevant health endpoints based on a weight-of-evidence evaluation. A failure to apply a weight-of-evidence approach also was evident in EPA's derivation of a Reference Dose (RfD) for dioxin. For example, EPA failed to consider the strengths and weaknesses of the underlying studies and whether these weaknesses affect the RfD determination.



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ACC supports the strong, scientifically sound regulation of dioxin and has worked to advance this in partnership with EPA. As EPA works to fully implement the NAS recommendations into the dioxin assessment, it is worth noting that the Agency's efforts to manage dioxin emissions have been successful. Indeed, as a result of both regulatory and voluntary initiatives, U.S. dioxin emissions from man-made sources have dramatically declined and environmental levels of dioxin have plummeted.

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December 22, 2011

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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RE: Third NACEPT Advice Letter on EPA Workforce Planning: Ensuring Diversity

Dear Administrator Jackson:

The National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) is working on your charge to provide advice for development of the Agency's next Strategic Workforce Plan. The charge comprises the following topics:

1. Scientific and technical competencies needed to be prepared for tomorrow's challenges.
2. Strategies to obtain and retain scientific and technical expertise.
3. Strategies to attract and retain superior executive leadership talent.
4. Leadership capabilities and culture for "One EPA".
5. Ensuring diversity.

On January 31, 2011, NACEPT responded with an advice letter on the first charge question: scientific and technical competencies needed for the Agency to be prepared for tomorrow's challenges. This was followed by a second advice letter on July 11, 2011, summarizing NACEPT's recommendations addressing charge questions #2 (Strategies to obtain and retain scientific and technical expertise) and #4 (Leadership capabilities and culture for "One EPA"). This letter will provide advice on charge question #5 (Ensuring diversity). A forthcoming letter will address charge question #3 (Strategies to attract and retain superior executive leadership talent).

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSE TO THE FIFTH QUESTION IN THE CHARGE: ENSURING DIVERSITY

"How can EPA best ensure access to a diverse and technically astute SES applicant pool? What can EPA do to ensure diverse applicants selected into the SES are retained, developed and promoted? Given the broader concept of Diversity that EPA is espousing to (diversity in thinking styles, educational backgrounds, family experiences, etc.), how can EPA define and then track/measure diversity in this broadest sense?"

NACEPT was charged with looking at the issues of diversity and inclusion at the Agency, including tools and processes, and how they support the creation of a strong SES applicant pool. As part of the process, NACEPT analyzed current practices, systems and processes, and the commitment by Agency leaders.

A full day session was held in June where Agency leaders were asked to provide the diversity workgroup with information about current practices covering orientation and on-boarding processes, engagement processes, attrition and turnover, programs for people with disabilities, leadership accountabilities for promoting diversity, best practices, and diversity and inclusion priorities. Christine Griffin, then Deputy Director of OPM, was invited to share the broader federal government context for developing and implementing outreach and recruiting strategies.

Additionally, EPA's 2010 EEO Report (MD-715) and 2011 MD-715 Action Plans and the recent Executive Order on Diversity and Inclusion were reviewed.

Based on a review of practices and supporting systems, the following recommendations are presented:

1. *Update the linkage of diversity and inclusion to the strategic mission of the agency¹ and with the One EPA theme, and expand strategies to include critical stakeholder groups.*

The current focus of diversity and inclusion efforts continue to be dominated by "compliance" driven programs and initiatives targeted at workforce representation. Work must continue to ensure diversity at all levels of the organization are linked to regulatory requirements. However, to move the Agency to the next level of performance, greater clarity and connection of diversity and inclusion to the mission critical strategies and cross-cutting fundamental goals must be considered and embraced.

"Our concern is that in too many places in America, the burden of pollution and environmental degradation falls disproportionately on low-income and minority communities – and most often, on the children in those communities" – Lisa Jackson, May 2009.²

If the Agency is to successfully address these issues, a workforce that mirrors these impacted communities must be in place. It must be driven by a leadership team that manifests and embraces diversity and inclusion.

As an agency of the federal government, EPA is charged with protecting human health and the environment, by writing and enforcing regulations based on laws passed by Congress. Many of its recommendations in areas such as air quality standards, water quality and drinking water standards, global warming, greenhouse emissions, environmental justice, etc., require leaders who can build and sustain effective relations with an increasingly diverse set of policy makers. Taking action on climate change and improving air quality, protecting America's waters, cleaning up communities and advancing sustainable development, ensuring the safety of chemicals and preventing pollution, along with enforcing environmental laws are very laudable

¹ http://www.inpaws.org/EPA_Strategic_Plan.pdf

² <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/12a744ff56dbff8585257590004750b6/67297347ff21319a852575b60063c50b!OpenDocument>

goals but require engaging with diverse congressional leaders, state representatives, other agencies, private industry, citizens and environmental activists.

Therefore EPA leaders must understand that diversity and inclusion are critical to achieving these outcomes across diverse stakeholder groups.

2. *Analyze the impact of changing demographics on the EPA's ability to successfully implement its cross cutting strategies which include: expanding the conversation on environmentalism, working for environmental justice and children's health, advancing science, research and technological innovation, strengthening state, tribal and international relationships, and strengthening the EPA's workforce and capabilities.*

As part of the "One EPA" framework, the organization should take a systemic approach to how diversity and inclusion are critical to accomplishing its cross cutting strategies. Expanding the conversation on environmentalism requires that leaders and staff build their cultural competence and skill in underserved communities so they can build effective relationships and articulate the value and benefits of "environmentalism" in such a way to optimize results and stakeholder commitment to the policy changes being recommended or implemented.

The 2010 census results point to a very diverse youth population led by growth in the Latino / Hispanic population, growing immigrant communities, and a shrinking middle class.³ These "emerging demographic populations" have beliefs and perspectives that must be built into how issues are framed. And finally, creativity, problem-solving and issue resolution must be considered in the context of culture and background. See for example S.J. Gate's essay on creativity, diversity and innovation in science and education.⁴

3. *Establish an EPA-wide framework for the initiative to promote diversity and inclusion covering leadership expectations and accountability, integration with strategic plan, cross-organizational collaboration, governance and compliance, talent management, strategic outreach, institutional systems analysis, risk mitigation, agency work culture and climate, and processes for inspecting and monitoring results. Align with President's Executive Order.*⁵

In reviewing current Agency practices, we found that regional offices and locations have a lot of discretion in determining what should be done and how it should be done in the area of diversity and inclusion. This is especially evident in some of the traditional human resource systems areas such as staffing, recruiting, retention and development.

Creating an over-arching framework for diversity and inclusion allows for greater consistency, and more effective use of resources. This will allow the Agency to streamline processes, to more effectively use its limited human resources, and provide a consistent metric for measuring progress.

³ <http://2010.census.gov/news/releases/operations/cb11-cn125.html>

⁴ http://php.aas.org/programs/centers/capacity/documents/Gates_Essay.pdf

⁵ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/08/18/executive-order-establishing-coordinated-government-wide-initiative-prom>

The EPA-wide framework should include the following:

1. Review of the Agency's current definition for diversity and the development of a definition for diversity and inclusion similar to the Department of Veteran Affairs⁶
2. Description of the following elements:
 - Inclusive behaviors and practices for senior management
 - Inclusive behaviors and practices at the individual level
 - Inclusive practices that make a difference at the Agency (e.g., integration of inclusion into its strategic plan, ensure inclusive principles in human resource processes, etc.)
3. Action plans including outcomes, outcome measures, and procedures for monitoring progress
4. Recognition program for units, teams, and individuals who have demonstrated exemplary support for diversity and inclusion
5. Incorporation of other activities consistent with the President's Executive Order (E.O. 13583) on Diversity and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce

Diversity goes beyond programs to develop a workplace that allows all employees to perform at their individual best. The recent E.O. on Diversity and Inclusion in the Federal Workforce moves diversity beyond a valued and understood principle. The E.O. directs "...executive departments and agencies to develop and implement a more comprehensive, integrated and strategic focus on diversity and inclusion as a key component of their human resource strategies."

The Department of Veterans Affairs Diversity Council (VADC) has defined Diversity as "...all the ways in which people differ including innate characteristics (such as age, race, gender, ethnicity, natural origin, mental or physical disabilities, and sexual orientation) and acquired characteristics (such as education, socioeconomic status, religion, work experience, language, skills, etc.).

The VADC Charter as well as others has identified inclusion as the engine that puts diversity to work. Inclusion behaviors and practices are operative at the individual, leadership and organizational levels. Therefore, the Agency's Diversity Program must contain not only a definition for diversity but also an action plan that embraces and encourages inclusion.

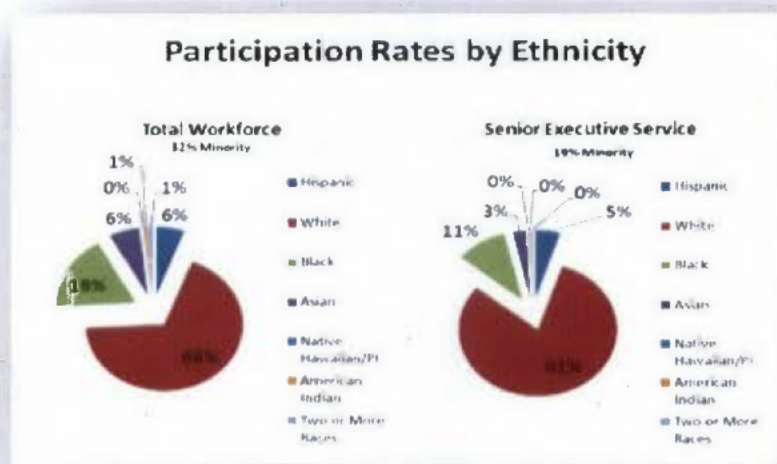
The Administrator's recent reaffirmation of equal opportunity and diversity in the work place and urging to cultivate an inclusive environment in the work environment provide the direction for the vector for the Agency to move forward. The President's E.O. provides the guidance and direction for diversity and inclusion in the federal workforce. This recommendation outlines a framework for implementing the strategy and measuring progress of diversity and inclusion at EPA. Additional information on a sample framework is included in the addendum.

⁶ <http://www.diversity.va.gov/council/files/charter.pdf>

4. Strengthen the pipeline of talent for SES level positions, particularly among minorities:

Even with the progress EPA has made to expand the pipeline for potential SES applicants, there is still the question of how to ensure that there are enough trained individuals from underrepresented minorities in the pipeline for existing positions as well as for the new types of jobs EPA has envisioned for the future described in our first workforce letter. It is not enough to assume that this pool has already been hired

but is simply waiting for transfer for promotion; rather, EPA should take the proactive stance that this pipeline needs to keep developing and see to it that there are programs available that can provide trained and diverse personnel on a continual basis.⁷



There are a number of actions that the EPA can take to enhance the pipeline in the short-term. These actions include the following:

- Diversity SWOT Analysis – Perform a SWOT analysis to provide insight into the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of diversity and inclusion efforts within the Agency.
- Leadership Accountability – Make it a requirement that diversity and inclusion be a part of every leader’s annual performance management process with clear actions and metrics for measuring progress.
- Diversity and Inclusion Analytics - Adopt a dashboard to monitor progress in achieving Agency-wide objectives, including:
 - Diversity in applicant pools.
 - Workforce representation trends (e.g., year over year progress in areas of underutilization).
 - Participation of minorities and women in HR programs (e.g., development, training, mentoring, etc.). Link to requirements and recommendations in MD-715 reports.
- Strengthen focus on pipeline by focusing on “Placements of women and minorities against opportunities” in areas of underutilization (e.g., SES level and professional levels).

⁷ Charts adapted from EPA Office of Civil Rights 2010 data.

- Selection Pool and Interview Panel Diversity - Make it a priority that women and minorities be represented in selection pools and interview panels ("Rooney Rule"). Managers should be held accountable via the annual performance management process for ensuring parity and transparency in all selection processes.
- Education (e.g., Inclusion, Harassment Prevention, Unconscious bias) - Make it mandatory that all EPA employees participate in an annual harassment prevention education program. Require all leaders to do a self assessment on personal inclusive behavior and lead a discussion with their team on personal and team behavior.
- Outreach - Enhance Agency outreach to ensure that more Hispanic and Latino candidates are in the candidate pools. Strengthen the Limited English Proficiency Program (LEP) to provide meaningful access by stakeholders with limited English proficiency.
- Employee Resource Group Engagement - Solicit feedback and input from employee resource groups (Affinity Groups) to assist in strategy and outreach programs in targeted communities.
- Resource Allocation – Establish a central diversity budget to focus on carrying out these programs and strategies.
- Recruiting Firms - Consider using firms specialized in recruiting minorities and other groups currently under-represented in the Agency.

Additionally, work with higher education to address the pipeline issue involving higher education:

- By creating or enhancing relevant programs at minority-serving institutions.⁸
- By linking minority institutions with non-minority institutions that already have achieved excellence in key program areas for joint training through partnerships.
- By encouraging existing institutions that have achieved excellence in key program areas to recruit minority candidates more successfully through incentives and assistance.⁹

Ideally, all three of these strategies would be deployed in different programs to test and gather data about which are most effective. In the current funding environment, however, it is likely to be difficult to create new programs from scratch if existing universities already have suitable programs. In that case, linkages are helpful and have been used in the past.

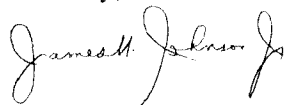
One example is a current Memorandum of Understanding between EPA and Vermont Law School that has the goal of improving the flow of information between EPA and minority communities. So far several law students from North Carolina Central University, a historically black college, have attended the summer session on environmental law at Vermont Law School in the Agency's first organized effort to train more lawyers to handle environmental justice issues in minority and low-income communities, which bear a disproportionate amount of health and environmental impacts from pollution.¹⁰

⁸ http://meldi.snre.umich.edu/diversity_initiative/Diversity+Programs+and+Initiatives

⁹ <http://www.environmentaldiversity.org/people.html>

¹⁰ http://www.vermontlaw.edu/News_and_Events/News/2010_News_Archive/EPA_Minority_Fellows_Kick_Off_Environmental_Law_Outreach_Program_at_VLS.htm

Sincerely,

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Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr.
Chair

Addendum: Sample Framework for Diversity and Inclusion Initiative
Charts of EPA Feeder Pools

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National Parks Conservation Association®
Protecting Our National Parks for Future Generations®

December 19, 2011

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson,

We are business owners, entrepreneurs, community activists, and park and wilderness advocates with deep roots in Texas. We love our state and want cleaner air for our families and land. We write to echo the request made by a diverse group of Texans on October 18, 2011 to EPA Assistant Administrator Gina McCarthy and Deputy Assistant Administrator Janet McCabe: that EPA Region 6 be provided with the resources necessary to enforce the Clean Air Act's Regional Haze Rule and require some of the most antiquated polluters in our state to clean up.

We are profoundly disappointed but not surprised by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's decision to exempt each and every one of the more than 117 oldest and dirtiest polluting sources in the state from reducing their pollution under the Regional Haze Rule's Best Available Retrofit Technology program. The pressure from polluters in our state has influenced agency decision makers for far too long. The undersigned represent a substantial constituency of leaders in business and communities that want EPA to exercise its authority and compel the clean-up of excessive and preventable pollution in Texas.

Requiring polluting sources be better controlled under the Regional Haze Rule would help improve air quality in the region so that we can:

- Breathe more healthful air,
- Create jobs needed to construct and install pollution controls
- Reduce economic drains linked to air pollution related health care and worker days lost and
- Ensure national parks, like Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains, have the clean, clear air that Congress intended them to have.

We write to urge you to use your delegated authority under the Clean Air Act to quickly provide Region 6 with the necessary resources to adequately regulate some of the state's most polluting facilities. The undersigned will support you and serve as a significant counterweight to any opposing voices.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR VALERIE S. BOYD
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SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

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Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Dec 5-22 Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention 7th Review Conference,
Geneva

Dec 12-21 10th Session of Assembly of States Parties (ASP) to the International
Criminal Court (ICC), New York

Dec 19-21* Visit of President Colom of Guatemala to New York and Washington

Dec 20 Presidential Swearing-in in Democratic Republic of Congo

Dec 20* Visit of Foreign Minister Kozakou-Marcoullis of Cyprus to
Washington

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 29 Legislative Elections in Guinea

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Jan TBD* Visit of President Mills of Ghana to Washington

Jan 3 Parliamentary Elections in Egypt-Stage 3

Jan 9-10* Visit of Foreign Minister Stoere of Norway to Washington

Jan 10 Presidential Inauguration in Nicaragua

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Jan 13 U.S.-China Nonproliferation Dialogue, Beijing

Jan 14 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Taiwan

Jan 14 Presidential Inauguration in Guatemala

Jan 15 Parliamentary Elections in Kazakhstan

Jan 16 Presidential Inauguration in Liberia

Jan 16-19 5th World Future Energy Summit, Abu Dhabi

Jan 17* Visit of King Abdullah II of Jordan to Washington

Jan 17-19* U.S.-Singapore Strategic Partners Dialogue, Washington

Jan 19 Presidential Inauguration in Bulgaria [new President takes office on January 22]

Jan 20* Visit of Foreign Minister Westerwelle of Germany to Washington

Jan 22 Presidential Elections in Finland-1st Round

Jan 22 Legislative Elections in Egypt-1st 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

Jan 26-27*(T) U.S.-Philippines Strategic Dialogue, Washington

Jan 30*(T) Visit of President Mills of Ghana to Washington

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Jan 30-31* G-8 Foreign Affairs Sous Sherpa Meeting, Washington

Jan 30-Feb 1*(T) Visit of Foreign Minister Kazykhanov of Kazakhstan to Washington

Feb 2-3 NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels

Feb 2-3 Clean Energy Ministerial Preparatory Meeting, New Delhi

Feb 3-5 48th Munich Security Conference, Munich

Feb 5 Presidential Elections in Finland-2nd Round

Feb 7-8* Visit of Foreign Minister Shanmugam of Singapore to Washington

Feb 12 Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan

Feb 15-17 Paris Pact Ministerial on the Afghan Drug Trade, Vienna

Feb 19 Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)

Feb 21 Presidential Elections in Yemen

Feb 21 APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Meeting, Hong Kong

Feb 23 UK-hosted Conference on Somalia, London

Feb 26 Presidential Elections in Senegal—1st Round

Feb 26-28 High-Level Segment of the UN Human Right's Council, Geneva

Feb 27-28 Mobile World Conference, Barcelona

Feb 27-28* Visit of NATO Secretary General Rasmussen to Washington

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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 18	Presidential Elections in Senegal—2 nd Round [if needed]
Mar 24	Parliamentary Elections in Gambia
Mar 25	Hong Chief Executive Selection, the race for Chief Executive will be determined by a 1200-member Election Committee (and Beijing's endorsement)
Mar 26-27	2 nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul
Mar 26-27	Regional Economic Conference for Cooperation in Afghanistan (RECCA), Dushanbe
Mar 29	Parliamentary Elections in Iran

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Apr TBD*	G-8 Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Washington
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	Joint NATO Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels
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
Apr 30-May 11	Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee Meeting, Vienna
May 4	Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Palestinian Authority
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 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 19-20	G-8 Summit, Chicago
May 20-21	NATO Summit, Chicago
May 25-26	Pacific Leaders Meeting, PALM 6, Okinawa
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 3-5	Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly, Cochabamba
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 14 (T)	Australia-U.S. Ministerial (AUSMIN), Australia
Jun 17	Legislative Elections in France-2 nd Round
Jun 18-22*(T)	2012 African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum, Washington

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Jun 19-21	World Economic Forum on Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Istanbul
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Jun 30	Presidential Elections in Iceland
Jul 1	Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico
Jul 1	Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1 st Round
Jul 9-13(T)	East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting, 19 th Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum, Lower Mekong and Friends of the Lower Mekong Ministers' Meeting, 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 TBD	Pacific Islands Forum Meetings, Cook Islands
Aug 14	Presidential Elections in Kenya-1 st Round
Aug 29-Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London
Sept 4-10	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Vladivostok
Sept 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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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 17	Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Sierra Leone
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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Re: EPA Approval Needed for Florida's New Nutrient Criteria Rules

Dear Senators and Representatives:

On December 8, 2011, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection concluded an exhaustive state rulemaking process that establishes the most comprehensive nutrient water quality criteria program in the nation. We need your help in seeking full U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of this holistic state rule and its withdrawal of EPA rulemakings establishing federal numeric nutrient criteria in Florida.

We all support clean water and Florida has an impressive track record implementing a progressive and successful state water resource management program. Florida recently finalized a numeric nutrient criteria rule that builds upon this foundation. The state rule establishes numeric nutrient targets for all natural freshwater streams, springs, and lakes. The rule also sets 64 site-specific numeric nutrient targets for Florida estuaries and requires remaining estuaries to have numeric targets by June 2015. Florida's existing narrative nutrient criterion will continue to apply to canals and ditches.

We believe that Florida has earned the right to exercise its Clean Water Act authority to implement its state nutrient criteria rule through an EPA-approved process. While Florida's new nutrient criteria rule will be costly and difficult to implement, the rule is notable in its design to promote cost-effective nutrient reduction projects that will create measurable environmental and biological improvements.

The Clean Water Act clearly provides that the states should have primacy in managing the quality of their own waters. EPA has further advocated that the states take the lead in protecting their waters from nutrient pollution. An EPA approval of Florida's nutrient rules would be consistent with the Clean Water Act's cooperative federalism structure and would clearly demonstrate EPA's commitment to promoting state-led solutions for nutrient water quality protection and restoration.

In light of the comprehensive process that has occurred at the state level to develop a Florida solution to its numeric nutrient issue, and the EPA's position encouraging the states to lead in these efforts, we respectfully request that you help Florida garner EPA's approval of the Florida numeric nutrient criteria rules.

Sincerely,



Hal J. Rose
Mayor

cc: President Barack Obama
Bill Daley, White House Chief of Staff
David Plouffe, White House Senior Advisor
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The Honorable Lisa Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency

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Subject Exception to EPA regulation 40 CFR Part 31.36 (c)(2)

Message Body

Please Read Attached Document.

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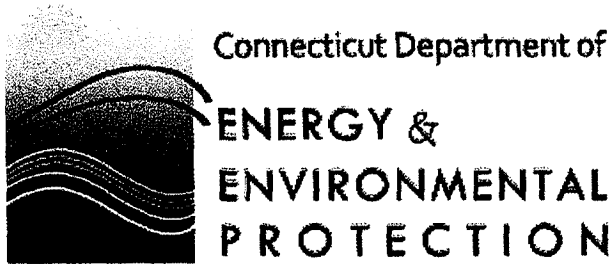


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December 21, 2011

Mr. Howard F. Cocoran
Director of Grants
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Mail Stop 3901R
Washington, DC 20460

VIA EMAIL: corcoran.howard@epa.gov

RE: Exception to EPA regulation 40 CFR Part 31.36 (c)(2)

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Several communities in Connecticut that have received funding from the Clean Water Fund program (CWF) have expressed concern over the lack of contracting opportunities for local businesses. On several occasions, these communities have asked for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) set-aside requirements that exceed the minimum requirement necessary to receive EPA's capitalization grant for the CWF program. Recently, a recipient asked for both an increase in the DBE percentages and that a portion of the work be directed to contractors registered in its wastewater district.

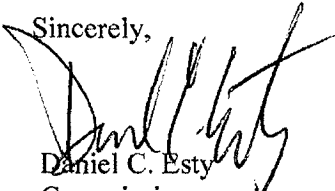
EPA regulation 40 CFR Part 31.6 allows the EPA Director of Grants to grant an exception to a federal regulation on a case by case basis. I am writing to ask for an exception to EPA regulation 40 CFR Part 31.36 (c)(2), which prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed in-state or local geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals for projects or portions of projects funded with EPA grant funds.

This request for an exception to 40 CFR Part 31.36 (c)(2) is for all EPA capitalization grant funds used to fund municipal water pollution control projects from the CWF program. However, only projects that receive approval from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will be allowed to incorporate a geographical hiring preference into their construction contracts, because Connecticut's CWF regulations do not generally allow geographical hiring preferences in construction contracts. The Commissioner of DEEP may approve a request for a deviation from the CWF regulations in rare cases where the Commissioner determines that such a deviation is essential to effect necessary actions or where special circumstances make such a deviation in the best interest of the State. DEEP carefully evaluates all such deviation requests.

I respectfully request that you grant Connecticut an exception to EPA regulations 40 CFR Part 31.36 (c)(2), so that Connecticut may, in exceptional circumstances, exercise some flexibility regarding geographical hiring preferences when administering EPA capitalization grants used to fund municipal water pollution control projects under the CWF program.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Betsey Wingfield, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, at (860) 424-3704.

Sincerely,



Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner

cc:

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson,

As a state senator here in New Mexico, I am very concerned about our economy as well as our environment. San Juan County, New Mexico is dependent on jobs related to coal fired power plants and nature gas production. These are also important to the state's and nation's economy.

We have two coal fired plants in our county and they are already struggling to meet existing EPA rules. I noted recently the EPA is proposing four new rules involving Cross State Air Pollution rules, Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT), 316(b), Clean Air Transport Rule (Transport Rule) and Coal Combustion Residuals. If these regulations are implemented as drafted, they will have an onerous impact on jobs as well as increasing the cost of electricity, mostly harming the now unemployed.

In the midst of one of the nation's deepest economic challenges, the EPA is proposing rules that are among the most expensive in history. Just two of these rules would cost the electricity sector nearly \$18 billion a year nationally to comply. This approach is out of touch with the reality most Americans are facing. I've seen the National Economic Research Associates (NERA) modeling for the Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) and Clear Air Transport rule (Transport Rule) regulation EPA introduced. These two rules alone will cost our national economy \$184 billion and put an additional 1.4 million people out of work. New Mexico and Arizona electric costs are estimated to increase by 6.1%.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concern and hope these regulations will not be implemented as drafted.

Sincerely,

William Sharer

State Senate, Dist 1



ORUTSARMIUT NATIVE COUNCIL
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November 23, 2011

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Re: Request for Government to Government Consultation for the Indian General Assistance Program Guidebook

Dear Assistant Administrator Depass:

The Orutsararmiut Native Council is very concerned about the potential negative impacts to our tribal environmental programs from the implementation of the proposed guidebook changes that American Indian Environmental Office is working on. Not only will our tribe be impacted greatly, but all 228 tribes within the State of Alaska will be negatively affected due to related jurisdictional issues as, well as the fact that we do not have Indian Country here.

Orutsararmiut Native Council is requesting to have Government to Government Consultation with you and Joanne Chase here in Bethel Alaska. Our Tribal Council is very concerned and would like to meet with you face to face before any sort of decisions are made on the proposed Guidebook. Please let us know when your office will be available to accommodate this request.

Sincerely,

Raymond Watson, Chairman
Orutsararmiut Native Council

Cc: Lisa Jackson, EPA Administrator
Joanne Chase, Director American Indian Environmental Office



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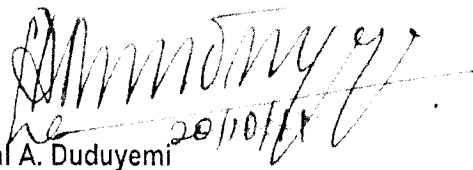
The Chairman,
Committee on Environment and Ecology,
National Assembly,
Abuja.

**UNITED NATIONS' RECOMMENDED FGN – SHELL FUND FOR CLEAN-UP OF OIL
SPILLS IN THE OGONI LAND**

The **Senate** of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at its sitting on Tuesday, 18th October, 2011, considered a motion on the **United Nations' Recommended FGN – Shell Fund for Clean-up of Oil Spills in the Ogoni Land** and resolved to,

"mandate its Committee on Environment and Ecology to review laws/regulations as regards environmental degradation related to oil activities in Niger Delta."

2. This letter formally transmits the Senate decision to your Committee for further legislative action.
3. Copy of the relevant **Votes and Proceedings** containing the Senate decision is hereto attached for your information and guidance, please.


Lawal A. Duduyemi
Deputy Clerk, Senate
for: Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

Sen. Abubakar Bukola Saraki CON
Kwara Central Senatorial District

November 20th, 2011

Lisa Jackson, Administrator,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency,
Ariel Rios Building,
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004.

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I write to express my appreciation for the warm reception I received when I visited the agency, during my visit to Washington, DC, last week. During my visit, your team took me on a virtual tour of your emergency response centre and a brief on its operations. I must commend you for a very impressive set up.

Further to this visit and in view of the mandate to the Senate Committee on Environment and Ecology to review laws/regulations as regards environmental degradation related to oil activities in the Niger-Delta region, I write to seek collaboration.

I believe we stand to gain immensely from USEPA's knowledge and experience in the areas of compliance, enforcement and laid down laws/regulations as related to this subject matter.

The recent report by the U.N.E.P on Ogoni land following Shell Petroleum Development Company's activities serves as a wake up call that we need to take action.



THE SENATE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
Sen. Abubakar Bukola Saraki CON
Kwara Central Senator (2015-2019)

It will be my desire if such collaboration could begin as soon as possible.

I hope I can count on your assistance.

Please be assured of my highest regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abubakar Saraki', written over a faint, illegible typed name.

**Senator Abubakar Bukola Saraki,
Chair, Senate Environment and Ecology Committee.**



City of East Point
Mayor's Office

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November 22, 2011

Hon. Lisa P. Jackson
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Re: Docket ID Nos. EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0234

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On behalf of the City of East Point, Georgia, I am writing regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed electric generating unit maximum achievable control technology ("EGU MACT") rules. Our community-owned, not-for-profit electric utility serves fourteen thousand (14,000) customers. We supply electricity produced in part by coal-fired electric generating units that could be significantly impacted by the proposed EGU MACT rule – even though those coal units are already well-controlled for mercury and for criteria pollutants such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

We have major concerns regarding several provisions of the proposed rules. We respectfully request that EPA consider these concerns and evaluate the impact to our utility under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) and the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) (Chapters 17 A and 25 of Title 2 of the U.S. Code). We would also request that EPA evaluate the impact of the proposed rules under four presidential executive orders – EO 13563, Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review; EO 13132, Federalism; EO 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review; and EO 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, and Use. As a not-for-profit electric utility owned and operated by local government, we support these Executive Orders that call for reasonable and cost-effective regulations to achieve reductions in air pollution in a reasonable time-frame.

Our concerns include the following:

- The proposed rules create a risk of having to raise electricity rates that could cause our customers economic hardship, particularly those negatively impacted by the current economic climate, such as the unemployed, the underemployed, and those with limited or fixed incomes.
- The proposed rule raises electricity reliability issues in some regions in 2014 when compliance with these rules begins. While EPA estimates that only 9 GW of coal-fired capacity may face retirement nationally because of the rules, other industry analysts and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) estimate that as many as 70 GW of capacity could face retirement.

- EPA's economic and reliability analysis in the proposed rules addresses only impacts from the proposed EGU MACT regulations. The analysis does not address the cumulative impacts from approximately eight major EPA rules affecting air, water, and wastewater from electric utilities in the next five to eight years.
- The proposed EGU MACT rules include many additional requirements beyond those to reduce mercury emissions. Control of other emissions under the EGU MACT rule may not be necessary or required under the Clean Air Act or based on EPA's own hazardous air pollutants study. EPA should consider whether to decline to adopt the rules not related to control of mercury emissions.
- The statutorily imposed three-year time frame for compliance with the EGU MACT rules is too short. The electric industry needs, at a minimum, an additional two years to avoid reliability issues that could arise when coal fired power plants must shut down for an extended period to retrofit emissions controls needed to comply with the rule. We respectfully encourage EPA to grant the one-year extension it is statutorily allowed to do and urge that a second year of extension is granted via a presidential order.
- EPA's own Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) appears to suggest that only 97 municipal utilities will be affected, and will face a compliance cost of only \$666.3 million annually. These costs appear to significantly underestimate the real impact and show no regional additional impacts in states such as Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama and Texas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Earnestine D. Pittman
Mayor, East Point Georgia



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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.

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Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

- Nov 28-Dec 9 17th Session of the Conference of Parties to the United States 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
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November 29, 2011

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

Dear Administrator Jackson,

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), please accept this letter of thanks to you and your colleagues at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for advancing multiple initiatives that are helping protect and enhance America's national parks for present and future generations. We specifically wish to highlight and thank you for EPA's work to improve air quality, restore and protect our waters, support the America's Great Outdoors initiative, and take action on climate change. We understand that EPA has at times faced significant challenges in advancing these initiatives, but EPA's work is producing substantial benefits for the national parks and their surrounding lands and waters.

(1) **Clean air:** EPA recently agreed to settle litigation initiated by NPCA in the last administration over its failure to enforce the Regional Haze Rule. Under our agreement EPA will finalize haze pollution cleanup plans for 43 states within the next year. Strong haze cleanup plans will achieve the broadest improvement in a generation in the air quality of the 48 national parks with "Class I" designation under the Clean Air Act. We also acknowledge your leadership in advancing strict new limits on mercury and other air toxics from the electric utility industry. Mercury deposition is a serious problem in national parks like Great Smoky Mountains and Mammoth Cave. In addition, the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule will substantially reduce power plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in the eastern half of the U.S. These two pollutants

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are the leading cause of unhealthy air, acid deposition, and haze pollution that afflict national parks in the eastern U.S.

(2) Great waters: Under your leadership, EPA has advanced a restoration plan for the Great Lakes which is resulting in nearly a billion dollars of new federal funds flowing to the region to protect the landscapes around Isle Royale National Park and the national lakeshores that dot Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. EPA recently joined the National Park Service and New York City in announcing plans to restore Jamaica Bay, with EPA taking concrete steps to improve water quality in the Bay. EPA has advocated for Chesapeake watershed restoration, establishing an historic bay-wide pollution diet for the rivers and streams emptying into the Bay. The Chesapeake watershed is home to over 50 national park units that will benefit from this effort. EPA has also been a leader in addressing runoff pollution in Florida, which is causing algal blooms and water quality degradation for Everglades National Park. Lastly, EPA is more thoroughly examining the environmental impacts of surface mining on waters like Bristol Bay, Alaska, and Ocmulgee River in Georgia, which flow through and sustain adjacent national parks.

(3) Climate change: National Park Service director Jon Jarvis has said that climate change is the greatest threat the National Park System has ever faced. As greenhouse gases rise, glaciers and snowpack will continue to disappear from high elevation national parks, sea level rise and storm surge will swamp low elevation coastal national parks, and stresses on national park plant, fish, and wildlife species will mount. For the past decade Congress has failed to reach consensus on even modest steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Under your leadership, EPA has stepped in to fill the void. In December of 2009 you announced an endangerment finding on greenhouse gases, setting the stage for EPA action on climate change. EPA has developed technology standards designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from large facilities and a clean cars program that will make American vehicles more fuel-efficient and less polluting. These measures are important first steps towards climate pollution mitigation and necessary to preserve our national parks for future generations.

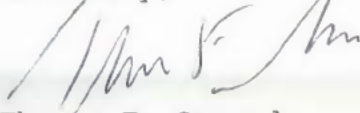
(4) America's Great Outdoors: Under your leadership EPA has partnered with the Department of the Interior on the America's Great Outdoors initiative, sharing and supporting a vision for national parks to play a stronger role in reconnecting Americans with the great



outdoors, creating healthier, more vibrant communities today, and ensuring lasting prosperity for future generations.

For each of these initiatives that are helping protect, improve, and sustain our national parks, we thank you and the dedicated staff of the Environmental Protection Agency. We look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead on these and other initiatives related to America's national parks.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. Secunda
Chairman, Board of Trustees



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 TO: Administrator Lisa P. Jackson,
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 Washington, DC 20004

REPLY TO: CBYCA Secretary Tom Kenavan
 1108 Potomac Drive,
 Stafford, VA 22554

SUBJECT: Concern over the introduction of 15% Ethanol in gasoline
 DATE: December 7, 2011

Dear Administrator Jackson:

I am writing to you to express the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association's (CBYCA) concern over the increase in Ethanol additives in gasoline from 10% to 15%, and to restate the CBYCA position of September 2011.

The CBYCA has a membership of more than 130 Yacht Clubs whose membership totals more than 85,000 recreational boaters in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.

CBYCA is a founder and charter member of the National Boating Federation (NBF), and through the NBF, CBYCA participates at the national level in legislative matters affecting recreational boating. The NBF has over 2,000,000 members. CBYCA also has established cooperative agreements with a number of regional boating associations.

Our concern is expressed in the attached resolution, adopted by unanimous consent, by our membership earlier this year.

May I also draw your attention to the Department of Energy's just completed tests that "indicate severe damage will occur to marine engines when using gasoline containing E-15 ethanol." The tests further indicated increased emissions, increased fuel consumption and general engine deterioration.

I am hopeful that our resolution will provide support for the EPA's move towards tighter

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emission controls while protecting the recreational boating community from unintentional harm caused by Ethanol 15 gasoline.

Respectfully,

/s/ Bob Parsons

Bob Parsons

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States its position, that 15% Ethanol should not be introduced before results of testing are available and guidelines to boaters on how to avoid engine failure have been issued."

The resolution above was adopted by unanimous consent in September 2011.

/s/Thomas J. Kenavan

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Secretary, Chesapeake Yacht Clubs Association



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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.

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Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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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

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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
Sept 4-10	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Vladivostok
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 17	Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Sierra Leone
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
Dec TBD	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Dublin

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 The Under Secretary of Commerce
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 Washington, D.C. 20230

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Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
 Administrator
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Ms. Jackson:

As you have recently heard, Dr. Larry Robinson has left public service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to return to Florida, effective November 18, 2011. Dr. Robinson was responsible for a diverse portfolio at NOAA, including his valuable leadership as the delegated NOAA representative to the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force (IATF). Dr. Robinson's dedication to the IATF will be sincerely missed by all of NOAA.

The Great Lakes IATF is too important to leave a vacant seat as we search for Dr. Robinson's replacement at NOAA. For this period of transition, I would like to appoint Dr. Marie Colton, Director of our Great Lakes Environmental Laboratory (GLERL), as the NOAA delegate on the Great Lakes IATF. Dr. Colton is well qualified to take on this role through her previous involvement as a Regional Working Group leader, laboratory director, and her extensive regional research.

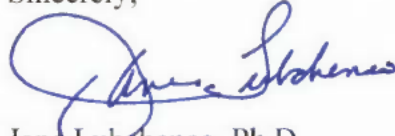
This assignment as a delegate to the Great Lakes IATF requires Dr. Colton to vacate her position on the Regional Working Group. Dr. Colton will be replaced by Mr. Edward Fenelon from the NOAA National Weather Service (NWS). Currently Meteorologist in Charge at the NOAA/NWS Chicago/Romeoville field office, Mr. Fenelon has been involved with Great Lakes research and operations for over 20 years through his responsibility as senior forecaster, science officer, and Meteorologist in Charge at NWS field offices responsible for open waters forecasts for Lakes Huron, Superior, and Michigan. He has represented NOAA through multi-agency initiatives such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC), FAA Chicago Hub Aviation Weather Services Enhancements Project, and serving in the organization of the Coastal Zone 2011 meeting in Chicago. This appointment would also serve to enhance the NWS participation in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative activities, which is important since weather and climate issues impact all of the ongoing concerns of restoration.

THE ADMINISTRATOR



I am appointing Dr. Colton to represent NOAA on the Great Lakes IATF. However, should the occasion arise needing an Agency-level decision, NOAA will, of course, involve the necessary level of direct involvement. I am sure you share my sense of sadness over Dr. Robinson's departure from his position, and I ask you to welcome Dr. Colton as his transitional replacement on the Great Lakes IATF.

Sincerely,

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Jane Lubchenco, Ph.D.
Under Secretary of Commerce
for Oceans and Atmosphere



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Elworth/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject U.S. agriculture/food production and the potential impact of EPA's draft dioxin
risk reassessment

Message Body

Ladies & Gentlemen:

With apologies for the informality of an email, I write on behalf of the Food Industry Dioxin Working Group, an ad hoc coalition of national farm, ranch, production agricultural, farm input, meat/food processing, consumer product and food retail interests, to inform you of the potential negative impacts on production agriculture and the food industry of EPA's announced plans to finalize its draft dioxin risk reassessment, specifically the bifurcation of the current draft into cancer and non-cancer risk assessments, the latter carrying a reference dose (RfD).

We believe verifiable science must guide any dioxin risk mitigation, but we believe this issue remains unresolved and EPA-contemplated actions are premature. While our concerns are detailed in the attached letter, we must highlight that because the public has been told its prime exposure is through food, and because EPA proposes to set the prospective non-cancer RfD so low, the average American – particularly a young child – will exceed the EPA dioxin exposure limit after a single meal or a heavy snack. The possibility of public panic over food safety, therefore, is real. Further, the contemplated exposure limit for dioxin is set far lower than that recommended by any government entity in the world. More specifically, it is out of agreement with WHO recommended levels or the level set by the European Union. The potential negative trade implications are obvious.

Despite our contacts with EPA over time, we've had no outreach from the agency on the implications of this contemplated RfD. The agency has talked of prospective "mitigation" actions to further reduce "exposure" which may ensue from finalization of the dioxin risk reassessment, yet there has been no discussion with industry over what those actions may entail or the impact of contemplated actions not only food availability, quality and price, but on our trading relationships.

We seek a vigorous interagency review of EPA's actions to date – including a subsequent review by NAS prior to finalization of the non-cancer assessment planned for January, 2012 – and urge your office to

ensure all federal interagency review opinions and views expressed regarding the cancer/non-cancer risk reassessments be taken into account in the context of the impact on food production, sales and trade. We also ask that this review be done recognizing EPA and industry have reduced industrial dioxin emissions over the last decade by more than 90%, and currently, the average citizen's exposure to dioxin is less than background level – the level of dioxin found naturally in the environment.

Thank you for consideration of our views. If you or your staff have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me as the coordinator of the Food Industry Dioxin Working Group at the phone number below.

Respectfully,

Steve Kopperud for FIDWG

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December 7, 2011

Ms. Melody Barnes
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Barnes:

The undersigned members of the Food Industry Dioxin Working Group (FIDWG), an ad hoc coalition of production agriculture, farm input, processing and retail food interests, write to express our deep concern over the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ongoing effort to finalize a draft dioxin risk reassessment.

This action is taking place without any agency outreach to the food industry or other key stakeholders who could suffer severe harm if the EPA proposal is implemented. EPA's process over time has suffered from inaccuracy, questionable methodologies and inadequate scientific evidence, and these faults are compounded by the failure of EPA to fully engage all stakeholders and to consider seriously the opinions of other federal agencies as the agency works to finalize its dioxin risk reassessment.

We are particularly concerned with EPA's plan to break from longstanding international science-based dioxin standards and split the reassessment into non-cancer and cancer risk assessments, while setting a reference dose (RfD) for non-cancer risk. Since the agency contends the primary route of human exposure to dioxin is through food, this could not only mislead and frighten consumers about the safety of their diets, but could have a significant negative economic impact on all U.S. food producers.

EPA's proposed standard is significantly out of alignment and far more stringent than current international science-based standards. It sets a dioxin exposure threshold lower than any government entity in the world, including the European Union (EU). The World Health Organization (WHO) and the EU concur that average daily exposures should be limited to 1-4 pg/kg/day (2.3 pg/kg/day on average), based on non-cancer risk. EPA seeks to set a non-cancer RfD over three times more stringent (0.7 pg/kg/day), a level so low it strains credulity.

EPA's proposal is not only at odds with international standards, it also deviates significantly from existing federal policy. Currently, the U.S. government recommends the average citizen's "best" way to avoid dioxin exposure is to follow federal dietary guidelines. Under EPA's proposal, this advice could no longer stand as nearly every American – particularly young children – could easily exceed the daily RfD after consuming a single meal or heavy snack.

Since this exposure standard is based on the levels of dioxin exposure – including non-food exposure – over long periods of time, consumers won't be able to calculate daily dioxin exposures nor determine what is required to stay below an RfD. The media will inevitably report on this change and in all likelihood misinterpret the RfD as a "safe limit." As a result, consumers may try to avoid any foods "identified" as containing or likely to contain any dioxin.

The implications of this action are chilling. EPA is proposing to create a situation in which most U.S. agricultural products could arbitrarily be classified as unfit for consumption. The impact on agricultural production – conventional, organic, livestock/poultry/dairy, fruits, grains and vegetables – may be significant, as will be the loss of trade markets, all without evidence of additional health protection.

EPA says its draft risk reassessment will likely lead to “exposure mitigation” recommendations. Yet there has been no discussion with production agriculture, food processors or retailers as to what these mitigation actions might be or what their impact could be on food availability, safety or cost. Industrial dioxin emissions have been reduced by more than 90% over the last decade, thanks to EPA and industry actions. The current average exposure of citizens to dioxin is less than “background level,” the level of dioxin found in the environment.

While we believe it is possible for EPA to achieve its goal of remediating past dioxin contamination without crippling the nation’s agricultural sector, it is imperative EPA work with the ag/food sector to determine the impact of its current approach on stakeholder groups. At a minimum, these discussions should take place prior to finalizing and publishing the non-cancer assessment and RfD in late January, 2012, as announced by the agency.

We seek your intervention to help ensure the important interagency process is fully utilized and all opinions from other parts of the government affected by the EPA dioxin risk strategy are given fair and equal weight in the overall Administration approach to dioxin risk and mitigation.

To ensure the success of this intergovernmental effort, we respectfully request your office, the Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) and the Office of Information & Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) of the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) provide oversight to the EPA dioxin action. Further, we strongly recommend the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) be consulted to ensure the EPA dioxin risk reassessment/non-cancer/RfD/cancer assessment is supported by science and accepted international standards.

We look forward to your reply. Thank you for considering our views. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Steve Kopperud, FIDWG coordinator, at 202-776-0071 or skopperud@poldir.com.

Sincerely,

The Food Industry Dioxin Working Group

American Farm Bureau Federation
American Feed Industry Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Meat Institute
Corn Refiners Association
International Dairy Foods Association
National Chicken Council
National Grain & Feed Association



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Ms. Lisa P. Jackson
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
GEOFF O'NEILL

Dear Ms. Jackson:

The Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) to report annually to Congress "an accounting on a species-by-species basis of all reasonably identifiable Federal expenditures made primarily for the conservation of endangered or threatened species pursuant to the Act..." This provision applies to all Federal agencies, and this letter serves as the request for your agency to provide data for the fiscal year 2011 Federal and State Endangered and Threatened Species Expenditures report.

The Service depends on the cooperation of other agencies to compile expenditures data subject to the Act's reporting requirement. As in the past, we request that your agency enter expenditures data directly into our Web-based system. Agency data is securely protected on our server, and only approved staff from your office and ours have access to it. We will accept data entered through the Web-based system as the official record of each reporting agency; however, it is your responsibility to officially sanction the entered data. The deadline for entering the data this year is **April 2, 2012**.

Enclosed is the Supplemental Guidance for FY 2011 that explains the scope of activities on which to report. The list of species on which to report matches the Federal lists of threatened and endangered species (50 CFR 17.11 and 17.12). Please view the list of species for fiscal year 2011 at <http://ecos.fws.gov/expenditures>. A password is not required.

Due to the time-sensitive nature of this request, we have sent this letter by e-mail to your agency's point of contact. Generally, this point of contact is the person who entered your agency's data for fiscal year 2010. If your contact person has changed, please forward the updated information to denise_henne@fws.gov. We fully understand that the contact person must wait for direction from you before beginning the data collection task for this year's report.

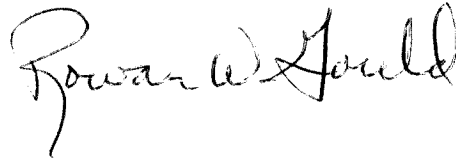
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Ms. Lisa P. Jackson

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We greatly appreciate your assistance. For further clarification or technical assistance, please contact Denise Henne, Endangered Species Program Specialist, at 703-358-2155 or denise_henne@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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DIRECTOR

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Washington, D.C. 20520

January 30, 2012

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MEMORANDUM FOR VALERIE S. BOYD
ACTING EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY STAFF

SUBJECT: National Security Affairs Calendar

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

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Stephen D. Mull
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
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NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS CALENDAR

ONGOING EVENTS

Jan 23-30 African Union Summit, Addis Ababa

Jan 23-Feb 17 World Radiocommunications Conference 2012 (WRC-12), Geneva

Jan 29-30 Parliamentary Elections in Egypt (Upper House)-1st Round

Jan 30-31* 2nd Regular Meeting of the Summit of the Americas Implementation Review Group (SIRG), Washington

Jan 30-Feb 1* Visit of President Saakashvili of Georgia to Washington

Jan 30-Feb 19 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 1st Senior Officials Meeting (SOM1) and Related Meetings, Moscow

Jan 30-31* G-8 Foreign Affairs Sous Sherpa Meeting, Washington

Jan 31* Visit of Foreign Minister Kazykhanov of Kazakhstan to Washington

Jan 31-Feb 2* Visit of Foreign Minister Poposki of Macedonia to Washington

Feb 1-4 Visit of Secretary of Defense Panetta to Belgium and Germany

Feb 2 Parliamentary Elections in Kuwait

Feb 2* National Prayer Breakfast, Washington

Feb 2* Visit of President Jahjaga of Kosovo to Washington

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Feb 2-3 NATO Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels

Feb 2-3 Clean Energy Ministerial Preparatory Meeting, New Delhi

Feb 3-5 Visit of Secretary of State Clinton to Germany and Bulgaria

Feb 3-5 48th Munich Security Conference, Munich

Feb 3-6* Visit of Foreign Minister Shanmugam of Singapore to Washington

Feb 5 Presidential Elections in Finland-2nd Round

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Feb 6 2nd U.S.-Indonesia Energy Investment Roundtable, Jakarta

Feb 6-9* Visit of President Martelly of Haiti to Washington

Feb 8* Visit of Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Gilmore of Ireland to Washington

Feb 9* Great Lakes Contact Group (GLCG) Meeting, Washington

Feb 9* Visit of Prime Minister Monti of Italy to Washington

Feb 9-10* Visit of Deputy Prime Minister Ninh of Vietnam to Washington

Feb 12 Presidential Elections in Turkmenistan

Feb 13* Visit of Foreign Minister Davutoglu of Turkey to Washington

Feb 13-15* Visit of Foreign Minister Choquehuanca of Bolivia to Washington

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- Feb 13-17 Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) Meeting, New York
- Feb 13-17* Visit of Vice President Xi of China to Washington, Iowa and California
- Feb 13-15* 3rd Regular Meeting of the Summit of the Americas Implementation Review Group (SIRG), Cartagena
- Feb 14-15 Parliamentary Elections in Egypt (Upper House)-2nd Round
- Feb 15-17 Paris Pact Ministerial on the Afghan Drug Trade, Vienna
- Feb 18-20 Informal G-20 Foreign Ministers Meeting, Los Cabos
- Feb 19 Parliamentary Elections in Greece (Snap)
- Feb 21 Presidential Elections in Yemen
- Feb 21* Visit of Foreign Minister Reynders of Belgium to Washington
- Feb 21-24* Visit of Foreign Minister Sikorski of Poland to Washington
- Feb 21-24 1st Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Hong Kong
- Feb 23 UK-hosted Conference on Somalia, London
- Feb 23-24* Visit of Foreign Minister Caballeros of Guatemala to Washington
- Feb 24* Visit of Prime Minister Thorning-Schmidt of Denmark to Washington
- Feb 25-26 G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting, Mexico City

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Feb 25-27* U.S.-China Sub-National Cooperation Event—National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting, Washington

Feb 26 Presidential Elections in Senegal—1st Round

Feb 26-28 High-Level Segment of the UN Human Rights Council, Geneva

Feb 27* Visit of Defense Minister Aguiar-Branco of Portugal to Washington

Feb 27* Visit of Foreign Minister Lamothe of Haiti to Washington

Feb 27-28 Mobile World Conference, Barcelona

Feb 27-28* Visit of NATO Secretary General Rasmussen to Washington

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

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

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

Mar 2 Parliamentary Elections in Iran

Mar 4 Presidential Elections in Russia

Mar 5-9 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna

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

Mar 7* U.S.-China Sub-Dialogue on Latin America, Washington

Mar 8* Visit of President Mills of Ghana to Washington

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Mar 8-9 4th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Intersessional Meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament, Sydney

Mar 9 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Urban Roundtable of Mayors and Ministers (HUD lead), Chicago

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 6th World Water Forum, Marseille

Mar 13-15* Visit of Prime Minister Cameron of the United Kingdom to Washington

Mar 14-16* 4th Regular Meeting of the Summit of the Americas Implementation Review Group (SIRG), Washington

Mar 17 Presidential Elections in Timor-Leste—1st Round

Mar 17-18 China Development Forum, Beijing

Mar 18 Presidential Elections in Senegal—2nd Round [if needed]

Mar 20* Visit of Prime Minister Kenny of Ireland to Washington

Mar 25 Hong Kong Chief Executive Selection

Mar 25-27 Arab League Summit, Baghdad

Mar 26-27 2nd Nuclear Security Summit, Seoul

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

Mar 29 Legislative Elections in The Gambia

Mar 31 Parliamentary Elections in Mauritania

Mar 31-Apr 3 Boao Forum for Asia, Boao

Apr 1 Parliamentary By-Elections in Burma

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

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

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

Apr 13 Summit of the Americas Foreign Ministerial Meeting, Cartagena

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

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

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

Apr 18 Joint NATO Foreign and Defense Ministerial Meeting, Brussels

Apr 18-19 Clean Energy Ministerial, London

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

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

Apr 20-23 The World Investment Forum, Doha

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

Apr 22 Presidential Elections in France-1st Round

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

Apr 29 Presidential Elections in Mali-1st Round

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

May 4 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Palestinian Authority

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 13 Presidential Elections in Mali-2nd Round

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

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

May 19-20 G-8 Summit, Chicago

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May 20	Presidential Elections in the Dominican Republic
May 20	10 th Anniversary of Independence of Timor-Leste
May 20	Presidential Inauguration in Taiwan
May 20-21	NATO Summit, Chicago
May 21-23	5 th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Education Ministerial, Gyeongju
May 21-24	2 nd Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Kuala Lumpur
May 23-24	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Meeting, Paris
May 25-26	6 th Pacific Island Leaders (PALM 6) Meeting, Nago City
May 28-30	3 rd Preparatory Committee Meeting on UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro
May 28-Jun 5	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2 nd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM2) and Related Meetings, St. Petersburg
May 30-Jun 1	World Economic Forum on East Asia, Bangkok
May 31-Jun 1	African Development Bank Annual Meeting, Arusha
Jun TBD	Presidential Elections in Egypt
Jun TBD	Parliamentary Elections in Timor-Leste

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- Jun 3-5 Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly,
Cochabamba
- Jun 4-5 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Trade Ministerial
Meeting, Kazan
- Jun 4-8 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 14 (T) Australia-U.S. Ministerial (AUSMIN), Australia
- Jun 17 Legislative Elections in France-2nd Round
- Jun 17 Parliamentary Elections in Senegal
- Jun 18-22*(T) 2012 African Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum, Washington
- Jun 18-Jul 6 20th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
- 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
- Jun 21 Congressional Assembly Elections in Libya
- Jun 24-25 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 10th Energy
Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg

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

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

Jun 30 Presidential Elections in Iceland

Jul TBD Tokyo Development Coordination Conference for Afghanistan,
Tokyo

Jul 1 Presidential and Legislative Elections in Mexico

Jul 1 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-1st Round

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

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

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

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

Jul 22 Parliamentary Elections in Mali-2nd Round

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

Jul 27-Aug 12 XXX Summer Olympic Games, London

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Aug TBD	Pacific Islands Forum Meetings, Cook Islands
Aug 3	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Small and Medium Enterprise Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg
Aug 6-8	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Telecommunications and Information Ministerial Meeting, St. Petersburg
Aug 14	Presidential and Parliamentary in Kenya-1 st Round
Aug 29-Sep 9	Paralympic Games, London
Aug 30	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministerial Meeting, Moscow
Sept TBD	7 th Annual Internet Governance Forum, Baku
Sept 4-7	4th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC), Vladivostok
Sept 4-10	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit, Vladivostok
Sept 10-14	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
Sept 10-28	21 st Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
Sept 11-13	Annual Meeting of the New Champions, Tianjin
Sept 17-21	International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, Vienna
Sept 24-28	United Nations General Assembly High-Level Week, New York

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- Oct 7 Presidential Elections in Venezuela
- Oct 8 Presidential Elections in Slovenia
- Oct 12-14 World Bank Group/International Monetary Fund Annual Meeting, Tokyo
- Oct 28 Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine
- Nov 7-10 15th International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC), Brasilia
- Nov 17 Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Sierra Leone
- Nov 18-20 (T) 21st Annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, Phnom Penh
- Nov 27-Dec 7 18th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 8th Session of the Conference of the Parties Serving as a Meeting of the Parties (CMP 8) to the Kyoto Protocol, Qatar
- Nov 29-30 International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors Meeting, Vienna
- Dec 6-7 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Ministerial, Dublin

* = Taking place in Washington

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