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To Richard Windsor
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Subject Re: MTM and Human Health - The Conclusions Reached by the Researcher

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From: Seth Oster
Sent: 01/08/2010 10:05 AM EST
To: Richard Windsor; Bob Sussman; Peter Silva; Arvin Ganesan; Shawn Garvin; Diane Thompson; Bob Perciasepe
Cc: Allyn Brooks-LaSure; Michael Moats
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Scientists say mountaintop mining should be stopped

By David A. Fahrenthold
Washington Post Staff Writer
Friday, January 8, 2010; A03

Mountaintop coal mining -- in which Appalachian peaks are blasted off and stream valleys buried under tons of rubble -- is so destructive that the government should stop giving out new permits to do it, a group of scientists said in a paper released Thursday.

The group, headed by a University of Maryland researcher, said it performed the most comprehensive study to date of the controversial practice, also known as "mountaintop removal."

Afterward, they did something that scientists usually don't: step beyond data-gathering to take a political stand.

"The science is so overwhelming that the only conclusion that one can reach is that mountaintop mining needs to be stopped," said Margaret Palmer, a professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences and the study's lead author.

The group's paper, published in the journal *Science*, was released in the same week that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency -- which has been scrutinizing these mines -- angered environmentalists by supporting a new mine permit. The EPA [said](#) the Hobet 45 mine, in West Virginia, had made changes that would eliminate nearly 50 percent of the environmental impacts and protect 460 union mining jobs.

Palmer said the group's work did not echo the idea implicit in this EPA decision: that there could be a "good" mountaintop mine, whose environmental consequences were acceptable.

"The science is clearly against that," she said. Later in the day, the EPA issued a statement

saying that the report "underscores EPA's own scientific analysis regarding the substantial environmental, water and health impacts" of these mines.

Chris Hamilton of the West Virginia Coal Association disputed the report's conclusions.

"It's just flat-out wrong," Hamilton said, adding that the "so-called lead scientists have a history of activism against mining."

The scientists rejected that, saying that they brought no bias to the topic and that their conclusions had been rigorously reviewed by other researchers.

Hamilton said that after a mountaintop mine is finished, the damage to nearby streams is usually "very short-term" -- not lasting more than 18 months.

But in their report, the scientists said the damage could last hundreds or even thousands of years.

"It obliterates stream ecosystems," said Emily Bernhardt, a professor of biology at Duke University and a co-author of the study. She said 1,500 miles of streams had been destroyed so far. "They've been wiped from the landscape."

Mountaintop mining occurs mainly in West Virginia and Kentucky, though there also are mines in far-Southwest Virginia and in Tennessee. At these sites, peaks are sheared off with heavy machinery and explosives, exposing the coal seams inside. Excess rock is used to fill steep Appalachian valleys, some with streams at the bottom, to the brim.

That jumbled rock is the problem, the scientists said. When rainwater falls on the filled-in valley, it trickles through the rubble and picks up pollutants off rocks that came from deep underground. The water emerges, they said, imbued with pollutants such as metals and chemicals called sulfates, which can be toxic to the insects and fish in small Appalachian streams.

"To us, it's like smoking and cancer. It's just so clear-cut" that streams below mine sites are left damaged, Palmer said.

The study also linked mountaintop mining to threats to human health, citing potentially toxic dust in the air, well water contaminated with chemicals from mines and fish tainted with toxic metals.

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Subject ACTION: Priorities Memo

Folks-

We are going to bottle this up and send out in a few hours.

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Thanks for your collaborative efforts in pulling this together.

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Subject: UPDATE: Priorities Memo

Colleagues:

LPJ has provided her edits to the priorities memo. I've attached the document with her edits.

Because of the timing we are pushing back the release of the memo until TOMORROW. This will afford us the opportunity to share with the AAs/RAs so they see and receive before All Staff.

Please let me know if you have any questions or thoughts.

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Subject Fw: MEMORANDUM: Our Top Priorities

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Message Information

Date 01/12/2010 05:24 PM
From **Karen Reed/R8/USEPA/US**
To LisaP Jackson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject Re: MEMORANDUM: Our Top Priorities

Message Body

Hi, Lisa -- just cking in briefly to let you know how proud I am to say that I used to work w/ you in R2. Actually, I still have the collage all gave me when I left R2 for DOE that includes you in one of the pics -- I loved working in R2. Anyway, just wanted to let you know that I'm still w/ the Agency -- still focusing on how to improve things -- and so happy that I am here in a time when you are our Leader. It's great. You are doing a wonderful job, and I, for one, truly appreciate it. Karen

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Subject: MEMORANDUM: Our Top Priorities

MEMORANDUM

From: Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
To: All EPA Employees

Colleagues:

Almost one year ago, I began my work as Administrator. It has been a deeply fulfilling 12 months and a wonderful homecoming for me. As our first year together draws to a close, we must now look to the tasks ahead.

In my First Day Memo, I outlined five priorities for my time as Administrator. We have made enormous strides on all five, and our achievements reflect your hard work and dedication. By working with our

senior policy team, listening to your input and learning from the experiences of the last 12 months, we have strengthened our focus and expanded the list of priorities. Listed below are seven key themes to focus the work of our agency.

Taking Action on Climate Change: Last year saw historic progress in the fight against climate change, with a range of greenhouse gas reduction initiatives. We must continue this critical effort and ensure compliance with the law. We will continue to support the President and Congress in enacting clean energy and climate legislation. Using the Clean Air Act, we will finalize our mobile source rules and provide a framework for continued improvements in that sector. We will build on the success of ENERGY STAR to expand cost-saving energy conservation and efficiency programs. And we will continue to develop common-sense solutions for reducing GHG emissions from large stationary sources like power plants. In all of this, we must also recognize that climate change will affect other parts of our core mission, such as protecting air and water quality, and we must include those considerations in our future plans.

Improving Air Quality: American communities face serious health and environmental challenges from air pollution. We have already proposed stronger ambient air quality standards for ozone, which will help millions of Americans breathe easier and live healthier. Building on that, EPA will develop a comprehensive strategy for a cleaner and more efficient power sector, with strong but achievable emission reduction goals for SO₂, NO_x, mercury and other air toxics. We will strengthen our ambient air quality standards for pollutants such as PM, SO₂ and NO₂ and will achieve additional reductions in air toxics from a range of industrial facilities. Improved monitoring, permitting and enforcement will be critical building blocks for air quality improvement.

Assuring the Safety of Chemicals: One of my highest priorities is to make significant and long overdue progress in assuring the safety of chemicals in our products, our environment and our bodies. Last year I announced principles for modernizing the Toxic Substances Control Act. Separately, we are shifting EPA's focus to address high-concern chemicals and filling data gaps on widely produced chemicals in commerce. At the end of 2009, we released our first-ever chemical management plans for four groups of substances, and more plans are in the pipeline for 2010. Using our streamlined Integrated Risk Information System, we will continue strong progress toward rigorous, peer-reviewed health assessments on dioxins, arsenic, formaldehyde, TCE and other substances of concern.

Cleaning Up Our Communities: In 2009 EPA made strong cleanup progress by accelerating our Superfund program and confronting significant local environmental challenges like the asbestos Public Health Emergency in Libby, Montana and the coal ash spill in Kingston, Tennessee. Using all the tools at our disposal, including enforcement and compliance efforts, we will continue to focus on making safer, healthier communities. I am committed to maximizing the potential of our brownfields program, particularly to spur environmental cleanup and job creation in disadvantaged communities. We are also developing enhanced strategies for risk reduction in our Superfund program, with stronger partnerships with stakeholders affected by our cleanups.

Protecting America's Waters: America's waterbodies are imperiled as never before. Water quality and enforcement programs face complex challenges, from nutrient loadings and stormwater runoff, to invasive species and drinking water contaminants. These challenges demand both traditional and innovative strategies. We will continue comprehensive watershed protection programs for the Chesapeake Bay and Great Lakes. We will initiate measures to address post-construction runoff, water quality impairment from surface mining, and stronger drinking water protection. Recovery Act funding will expand construction of water infrastructure, and we will work with states to develop nutrient limits and launch an Urban Waters initiative. We will also revamp enforcement strategies to achieve greater compliance across the board.

Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice: We have begun a new era of outreach and protection for communities historically underrepresented in EPA decision-making. We are building strong working relationships with tribes, communities of color, economically distressed cities and towns, young people and others, but this is just a start. We must include environmental justice principles in all of our decisions. This is an area that calls for innovation and bold thinking, and I am challenging all of our employees to bring vision and creativity to our programs.

The protection of vulnerable subpopulations is a top priority, especially with regard to children. Our revitalized Children's Health Office is bringing a new energy to safeguarding children through all of our enforcement efforts. We will ensure that children's health protection continues to guide the path forward.

Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships: States and tribal nations bear important responsibilities for the day-to-day mission of environmental protection, but declining tax revenues and fiscal challenges are pressuring state agencies and tribal governments to do more with fewer resources. Strong partnerships and accountability are more important than ever. EPA must do its part to support state and tribal capacity and, through strengthened oversight, ensure that programs are consistently delivered nationwide. Where appropriate, we will use our own expertise and capacity to bolster state and tribal efforts.

We will also focus on improving EPA's internal operations, from performance measures to agency processes. We have a complex organization -- which is both an asset and a challenge. We will strive to ensure that EPA is a workplace worthy of our top notch workforce. Our success will depend on supporting innovation and creativity in both what we do and how we do it, and I encourage everyone to be part of constructively improving our agency.

These priorities will guide our work in 2010 and the years ahead. They are built around the challenges and opportunities inherent in our mission to protect human health and the environment for all Americans. We will carry out our mission by respecting our core values of science, transparency and the rule of law. I have unlimited confidence in the talent and spirit of our workforce, and I will look to your energy, ideas and passion in the days ahead. I know we will meet these challenges head on, as one EPA.

Sincerely,
Lisa P. Jackson

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To "Richard Windsor"

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cc "Allyn Brooks-LaSure"

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Subject Re: HEADS UP: WaPo

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Adora Andy

Do you agree with the

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Subject: HEADS UP: WaPo

Please advise...

WHO: Juliet Eilperin, Washington Post WHAT: Story on "the assault on EPA's authority to regulate GHGs."

WHEN: Will run this weekend.

DEADLINE: Tomorrow, 10am

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Arvin Ganesan/DC/USEPA/US

To David McIntosh

01/15/2010 03:42 PM

cc Bob Perciasepe, Bob Sussman, Diane Thompson, Gina McCarthy, Joseph Goffman, Lisa Heinzerling, Richard Windsor, Scott Fulton

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Subject Re: this week's meeting with Governor Freudenthal

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David McIntosh [The Governor's office just sent me the...](#) 01/15/2010 01:36:30 PM

From: David McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US
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Cc: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/15/2010 01:36 PM
Subject: Re: this week's meeting with Governor Freudenthal

The Governor's office just sent me the attached letter from the Governor to the Administrator. The letter makes three specific requests. (b) (5) D.P.

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David McIntosh [Hi All, Below is the list of issues that Go...](#) 01/15/2010 12:05:27 PM

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Hi All,

Below is the list of issues that Governor Freudenthal raised with the Administrator (cc'd here) in his meeting with her on Tuesday. Please call me if you'd like me to relate what was said on any of the individual issues. (b) (5) D.P.

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-David

coal ash

hydraulic fracturing

Title V aggregation for natural-gas drilling rigs

ozone nonattainment designation in the Pinedale Anticline based on monitored winter-time exceedances

PSD tailoring rule

the Cash Creek decision

the notion of NPDES permits within open-pit coal-mines

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Adora Andy/DC/USEPA/US

To Richard Windsor

01/18/2010 05:31 PM

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Subject Re: UPDATE: WaPo story

Interesting. Can't decide if she's losing a battle w her editors or if they're taking extra time to make this a bigger story.

Richard Windsor

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From: Richard Windsor

Sent: 01/18/2010 05:24 PM EST

To: Adora Andy

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Yeesh

Adora Andy

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Subject: UPDATE: WaPo story

Juliet's climate bill story will not run tomorrow. It will run Wed or Thurs "no matter what." There is a chance it will be A1. They are still making that determination.

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By Dana Milbank
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About the closest the spokesman came to acknowledging fault in Massachusetts was to say that Obama "understands that frustration" among voters, but he then added that the president "heard it when he ran for the United States Senate, beginning in 2003." Unemployment, now at 10 percent, was 5.7 percent at the end of 2003.

Gibbs was so combative that when he turned to the Wall Street Journal's Laura Meckler, he tried

to predict her question. "There's a race near Connecticut," he guessed.

"I wasn't going to mention New England at all," Meckler said. "But feel free to answer your own question."

Don't give him any ideas.

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About the closest the spokesman came to acknowledging fault in Massachusetts was to say that Obama "understands that frustration" among voters, but he then added that the president "heard it when he ran for the United States Senate, beginning in 2003." Unemployment, now at 10 percent, was 5.7 percent at the end of 2003.

Gibbs was so combative that when he turned to the Wall Street Journal's Laura Meckler, he tried to predict her question. "There's a race near Connecticut," he guessed.

"I wasn't going to mention New England at all," Meckler said. "But feel free to answer your own question."

Don't give him any ideas.

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To Sarah Pallone
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Subject Re: ROLLING STONE: Obama's Top Eco-Warrior

Me too! Yesterday went well. Looking forward to next week!
Sarah Pallone

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From: Sarah Pallone
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Subject: Fw: ROLLING STONE: Obama's Top Eco-Warrior

I keep hearing "on the cover of the Rolling Stone...gonna see my picture on the cover, gonna buy 5 copies for my mother..." I'm an old Dr. Hook fan.

Really great stuff! We can talk more about this next week.

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The Eco-Warrior

President Obama has appointed the most progressive EPA chief in history – and she's moving swiftly to

clean up the mess left by Bush
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When it comes to passing major legislation – reforming health care, reining in Wall Street, curbing climate change – the Obama administration is under fire from all sides for bowing to special interests and conducting government business behind closed doors. But there's one agency where the hope and hype of the campaign trail have transitioned seamlessly into effective governance: the Environmental Protection Agency.

With a minimum of fanfare, new EPA administrator Lisa Jackson has established herself as the agency's most progressive chief ever – and one of the most powerful members of Obama's Cabinet. In her first year on the job, Jackson has not only turned the page on the industry-friendly and often illegal policies of the Bush era, but has embarked on an aggressive campaign to clean up the nation's air and drinking water. Under her leadership, the EPA has sought stricter limits on toxic pollutants like mercury, moved to scrub emissions of arsenic and heavy metals from coal-fired plants, and revoked a permit for the nation's largest mountaintop-removal coal mine. "The American people can be outraged when we're not living up to the P part of our name," Jackson says. "The protection part."

Even more striking, Jackson has expanded the EPA's mandate to include sweeping new powers to crack down on climate-warming pollution from cars and industry. The move, which has the full backing of the White House, could prove to be the only viable way to stop Big Oil and Big Coal from overheating the planet – especially after the disastrous collapse of climate talks in Copenhagen in December. "If Congress doesn't pass legislation on climate change," says Carol Browner, Obama's climate czar, "EPA will follow through under the requirements of the Clean Air Act."

Taken together, Jackson's efforts represent a sweeping attempt to revitalize an agency that was gutted during the Bush years. The goal, as she sees it, is to once again base environmental regulations on science and the law – not on the demands of well-connected industries. "Under Jackson, it's a whole new ballgame," says Eric Schaeffer, who resigned as the agency's director of environmental enforcement in protest over Bush policies. "You now have an EPA administrator who has White House support but is still tough enough to provide an independent voice for the environment."

When Jackson was appointed in December 2008, some prominent environmentalists considered her the wrong person for the job. During her tenure as head of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection, they pointed out, the state did such a dismal job of cleaning up toxic Superfund sites that even the Bush administration felt compelled to take them over. In a separate case, Jackson's unit discovered that a day-care facility housed in a former thermometer factory was exposing toddlers to mercury pollution, yet failed to alert parents for more than three months. "Under her watch, New Jersey's environment only got dirtier, incredible as that may seem," Jeff Ruch, president of Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, said at the time. "If past is prologue, one cannot reasonably expect meaningful change if she is appointed to lead EPA."

In the early going, Ruch's warning appeared prescient. Jackson kicked off her tenure at EPA by greenlighting more than two dozen permits for mountaintop removal coal mining that were held over from the Bush administration. "This mining is devastating Appalachia," warned Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "Everyone expected Obama to do something about it. Instead they're saying, 'We're going to let this happen.'"

Jackson herself now admits that those initial approvals were mishandled. "In hindsight, I certainly wish we could have gone through a longer process on some of those," she says. In September, the EPA put 79 permits for mountaintop removal on hold, pending a review to ensure that each complies with the Clean Water Act. In an unprecedented move, the agency also revoked a permit for the Spruce No. 1 mine, Appalachia's largest mountaintop-removal operation, observing that it would destroy seven miles of West Virginia streams already ravaged by mining.

In addition, Jackson tells Rolling Stone, the EPA is reviewing the infamous Bush "fill rule" that allows mining companies to bury streams and lakes with mining rubble in the first place. "Staff is working on it now," she says. "We haven't put anything about it out publicly." Jackson says the primary goal is to reform gold mining in Alaska – where miners have begun dumping toxic waste into a pristine lake near Juneau – but adds that the move may also "curtail" mountaintop-removal mining.

Today, environmentalists who fretted openly about Jackson's nomination are almost unanimous in singing her praises. "Parts of the environmental community were skeptical of her appointment," says Buck Parker, former executive director of the environmental-law firm Earthjustice. "But she's fantastic. Gutsy. Acts in accordance with what she says. She's proving to be one of the bright lights of the administration."

Most afternoons, you can find Jackson at EPA's headquarters in the old Post Office headquarters, a marble art-deco monument to an era when postmasters were kings. Her sprawling office is paneled, floor to ceiling, in old-growth walnut, and decorated with bright abstract art from the National Gallery. Near a copy of *The Lorax*, the Dr. Seuss environmental parable, Jackson keeps a photograph of Sen. James Inhofe, perhaps the most rabid anti-environmental zealot in Congress, surrounded by his grandchildren.

"We don't have rancor," Jackson says of the senator, who gave her the photo. "I keep it here to remind me that you gotta work with people. You gotta figure it out."

Jackson has a master's degree in chemical engineering from Princeton, and nearly two decades of experience directing the cleanup of toxic waste. But from her first day, she discovered, her most important skill was her ability to shift the attitude of staffers who remain stuck in the Bush-era mind-set that the EPA should weaken environmental enforcement to satisfy the demands of big polluters.

"Oftentimes we're in a meeting and somebody starts telling me, 'Well, we already know what this official – usually a local official – really wants.' I tell them I don't want to know that," she says. "I want to know what the science says. Even now they're surprised to hear me say that."

To shift the agency's culture, Jackson has moved swiftly to restore top career staffers who were shunted aside during the Bush years. "We call them 'cryogenically frozen,'" says a top aide to Jackson. "We've reactivated a lot of people who were known to disagree with the Bush administration's politics and were hung up in closets." Veteran staffers who have gotten their old jobs back say privately that they spent

eight years under Bush "trying to do something good under the radar" – even as they were forced to design programs that "we all knew the courts were going to throw out."

Under Jackson, the agency is once again basing decisions on science rather than politics. "The science is not something the Obama administration feels they have to guard themselves against," says one clean-air staffer who was sidelined under Bush. "Because they are not trying to protect their industry buddies from environmental regulations."

"They have freed up agency employees to do what they're supposed to do: protect public health and the environment," says Jeremy Symons, the EPA's former climate-policy adviser. "And God knows there's a lot of pent-up work behind the dam that needs to be unleashed."

Much of Jackson's first year at the EPA, in fact, has been eaten up by reversing the worst of the Bush legacy. "It requires that we use our time and resources to look back," she says, "when we absolutely need to be moving ahead."

In one of its final acts, the Bush EPA effectively barred new oversight of oil refineries with a regulatory trick: It covered up the overall impact of a refinery's pollution by measuring every smokestack separately, as if each were operating in isolation. "Imagine if you had 10 smokers in a room and a baby in the middle," says Schaeffer, the former enforcement director. "You're trying to figure the impact on that baby's lungs, but you model the smoke from each cigarette and assume that's all you have in the room. There wasn't any science behind it."

Jackson summarily revoked the oil-friendly rule in October. She also jettisoned lax smog rules set under Bush that flouted the unanimous recommendation of independent scientists and allowed higher pollution levels – effectively sentencing hundreds of people a year to premature death. "This is one of the most important protection measures we can take to safeguard our health," Jackson said in sending the rules back to the drawing board. In January, the agency proposed strict new smog limits that are expected to be finalized later this year.

After having its budget sharply curtailed under Bush, the EPA now has its biggest budget in history – thanks to an increase of \$3 billion under Obama. The additional resources have enabled Jackson to put dozens of new federal cops on the environmental beat, and to crack down on states that fail to enforce the law. Chief among those states is Texas, where Gov. George Bush shifted the state to a system of "flexible permits" that allow oil refineries, chemical plants and other industrial polluters to increase toxic emissions as they modernize their facilities. Last summer, Jackson lowered the boom on Texas – first by sending an order to Gov. Rick Perry that rejected key elements of the state's regulatory implementation plan, then by descending on the state EPA office in person, accompanied by top enforcement officials from Washington.

"It was an army of people – I've never seen anything like that," says Neil Carman, director of clean-air programs for the Texas chapter of the Sierra Club. "We've got the attention of the highest level of people at the EPA, and they're going after it. We've waited 15 years to see this happen."

Advocates of environmental justice are also thrilled by Jackson's emphasis on protecting vulnerable communities that lack lobbying clout. She has started by filling the EPA, long a bastion of whiteness in Washington, with young aides who represent minority groups hard hit by pollution: the nearly three-fourths of Hispanics who live in communities that fail to meet clean-air standards, African-Americans who are more than twice as likely as whites to die from asthma, Native Americans whose homes lack clean water at almost 10 times the national rate. For Jackson, who grew up in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans, near the toxic corridor known as "Cancer Alley," such realities are a major reason she joined the EPA right out of grad school.

"What I'm trying to do is bring the agency back to being closer to the communities that are fighting for environmental protection," she says. "Because that's how environmental protection gets done – it usually comes from the communities up."

The shift to a more community-focused approach is already having an effect. When Emily Enderle, an environmental-health advocate with Earthjustice, recently petitioned the EPA to protect children exposed to dangerous pesticides, she was amazed to see the agency respond in only three weeks by initiating the process to create a new regulation.

"We didn't have any of the big green groups supporting this," Enderle says. "But they were very supportive of protecting rural kids who've been poisoned by nerve-toxic pesticides."

Jackson has moved with equal dispatch to clean up the nation's drinking water. After a storage facility loaded with coal ash collapsed in Tennessee in 2008 – creating a toxic spill 100 times larger than the Exxon Valdez – the EPA quickly disclosed previously secret information about 44 other "high hazard" storage facilities. The agency has also targeted 104 chemicals to be added to the Safe Drinking Water Act – a move that would more than double the 91 toxic substances currently subject to regulation.

In addition, Jackson is working with Congress to require all chemical manufacturers to prove that their compounds are safe before they enter the environment. "Safety standards cannot be applied without adequate information," says Jackson, "and responsibility for providing that information should rest on industry."

The biggest fight that Jackson faces, however, is her effort to regulate auto exhaust and other climate pollution under the Clean Air Act. While friends of industry have tried to paint Jackson as an unhinged eco-vigilante, her approach to regulating carbon emissions has been as serious as the Bush administration's was slapdash. Jackson has moved incrementally to make sure the agency's rulings stand up to inevitable legal challenges. "One of the worst of the legacies left after the eight years of the Bush administration was the number of regulations that were overturned," she says. "I am not a lawyer by training; I am an engineer. So I am very, very careful about getting good legal advice on the decisions that I am entrusted to make."

In one of the first decisions that Obama entrusted to Jackson, she reversed the Bush EPA and granted California the authority to curb carbon pollution from auto exhaust. That alone, she says, was enough to bring the automakers to the table to negotiate national limits on emissions, rather than face a patchwork of conflicting state regulations. "Once you get to the point where industry asks for regulatory certainty," Jackson says, "that's always a watershed moment in environmental protection." Spurred by the threat of regulation, automakers agreed to raise the fuel efficiency of cars to 35 miles per gallon by 2016, an accord that will reduce future carbon pollution by nearly 1 billion tons.

The EPA followed up in December by issuing an "endangerment finding" that gives the agency the authority to cap carbon pollution under the Clean Air Act. The move was required, Jackson says, by the Supreme Court decision in 2007 that greenhouse gases are a pollutant subject to regulation – a ruling ignored by the Bush White House. Jackson would prefer to curb carbon pollution with the kind of cap-and-trade system being considered by Congress: "Economy-wide, market-based legislation would be a better path," she says. But in the absence of legislative action, Jackson insists that she alone now has the tools to place America on the path to President Obama's target of reducing carbon emissions by 83 percent by 2050.

In January, the EPA began tracking the emissions of the large industrial polluters responsible for 85 percent of America's carbon pollution. That inventory will be completed within a year, paving the way for a first-ever cap on carbon emissions. In the meantime, polluters that want to expand their operations will be required, beginning this spring, to incorporate the "best available methods" for controlling emissions. "I've tried very hard to make sure regulation is common sense," says Jackson. "Not with an eye to developing some doomsday, all-powerful regulatory scenario, but to show folks once again the tremendous power of the Clean Air Act."

Jackson's critics say it's too soon to judge her true commitment to change. Ruch, who denounced her nomination, downplays the EPA's early accomplishments, saying many hard decisions are simply being "ducked or delayed." Case in point: the agency's extended review of permits for mountaintop-removal mining. On January 5th, the very first mine to make it through the process was approved.

Still, the greatest evidence that Jackson is serious about environmental protection may be those who are trying to curb her power. These days, pro-industry Republicans aren't the only ones trying to stymie the EPA. In a move designed to gain support from coal-state Democrats, the climate bill passed by the House would strip the agency of its authority to restrict climate pollution. Rep. Earl Pomeroy, a Democrat from North Dakota, has introduced stand-alone legislation that would do the same. And Rep. David Obey, the powerful and progressive chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, recently added a last-minute rider to a spending bill that exempted Great Lakes shippers from strict new curbs that the EPA has imposed on diesel emissions from ships. The move – a transparent favor for Murphy Oil, a diesel-fuel refinery in Obey's district – undercuts a rule aimed at saving 12,000 lives a year.

Such maneuvers reveal how difficult it will be for Jackson to move forward on her commitment to craft environmental regulations based on scientific reality, not political favoritism. As with health care reform, a handful of Democrats in Congress could prove influential in undercutting the Obama administration's efforts to defend the environment and safeguard public health. "When it comes to something that threatens the pocketbooks of their own region," says Parker, the former head of Earthjustice, "traditional friends may turn out to be just as bad as Republicans."

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Subject: Washington Post: 3 Senators Met with WH this Afternoon to Climate Bill

Rahm's climate meeting*By Juliet Eilperin*

Jan 22, 2010 6:14 pm

Some people might think climate legislation in the Senate is on life support, but don't tell that to Sens. [John Kerry](#) (D-Mass.) and [Mark Warner](#) (Va.).

The three lawmakers met with White House chief of staff [Rahm Emanuel](#) Thursday afternoon for "a strategy session and to discuss the State of the Union," in the words of one Senate aide familiar with the meeting. Graham also delivered his assessment of the bill's prospect of a bill.

What President Obama says next week at the State of the Union will provide the clearest signal yet of whether he will push forward a climate bill.

But wait, as they say in the [Ginsu knife](#) ad, that's not all.

The troika met this week with officials from the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#), one of the most outspoken opponents to the bill. The Chamber refused to comment.

And the three senators agreed to set aside four hours a week--which could translate into as many as eight separate meetings in the climate debate, and to recruit new Senate supporters. Next week the three will meet with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator [Lisa Jackson](#) and Sen. [Susan Collins](#) (R-Maine), the author of a competing climate bill.

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Obama's climate change police

By [Steve Hargreaves](#), staff writer February 2, 2010: 6:55 AM ET

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- The Copenhagen climate talks went nowhere. The Senate's attempt to pass a global warming bill appears stuck. But that's doesn't mean greenhouse gas laws aren't coming.

The Environmental Protection Agency, spurred by a Supreme Court ruling, is racing to fill the void. As early as March, the EPA could be required to cap greenhouse gases from things like power plants and large factories, essentially doing what Senate Democrats want, without a messy vote.

Some say it's a great idea. It could put a serious dent in greenhouse gas emissions and go a long way to cleaning up the environment. Others say it could jeopardize investment in industry and hurt job creation.

A tight spot

The EPA didn't really ask for this new power, and most lawmakers pushing to restrict greenhouse gases, in Congress and the administration, would prefer Congress to pass a new global warming law.

But EPA is being forced to act thanks to a challenge from the state of Massachusetts and others back in 2007. Massachusetts said global warming was eroding its coastline, and pushed the EPA to regulate greenhouse gases from vehicles.

The Supreme Court more or less sided with Massachusetts, saying EPA must either classify carbon dioxide - the main gas behind global warming - as an endangerment to public health and regulate it, or say it's not.

The Obama administration, like most scientists, believes it could be a danger.

So come March, EPA will begin regulating carbon dioxide from vehicles - largely through tighter fuel economy standards that have already been announced. Once that happens, the next step, legally, is to regulate it from everything else.

"They are compelled to move forward," said Max Williamson, head of the climate program at Andrews Kurth, a law firm that represents both renewable and fossil fuel energy companies. Williamson is among those who believe using EPA, and specifically the Clean Air Act, to combat global warming is a bad idea.

There are too many steps EPA needs to go through to perform the task - too many questions that need answering. Who is going to be regulated? What technologies will be used? What are the acceptable limits going to be? At each stage in the process, there's the possibility for lawsuits.

"No one is going to be able to build any kind of industrial facility because they will be sued," he said. "You're going to see any industry that can go overseas, go overseas."

Many say a law passed by Congress would avoid all that.

Whitney Stanco, an energy analyst at the brokerage firm Concept Capital, also thinks using EPA for the job will keep investors at bay.

"There will be lawsuits on each of these rules, and it's going to create a lot of uncertainty for quite some time," she said. "It increases the hurdles for new investment."

The EPA did not return calls and e-mails seeking comment.

Up to the job

But others believe this fear over using EPA is overblown.

Industry currently has to get a permit from the agency for hundreds of other pollutants. Given enough time to iron out the many questions before EPA starts acting, companies shouldn't have any trouble meeting the new restrictions.

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West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D) lashed out at President Obama today for sending inconsistent messages about the future of coal.

Speaking at a Senate Finance Committee hearing on Obama's fiscal 2011 budget request, Rockefeller took umbrage first with the administration's decision to eliminate four tax breaks for the industry.

"It's going to be partly psychological," Rockefeller told White House budget chief Peter Orszag. "People are going to reduce their production because they feel, 'Uh oh, here comes the Obama administration,' and they are going to cut out coal."

But Rockefeller said his concerns snowballed when he considered recent U.S. EPA decisions on mountaintop-removal coal mining and work on regulations to control greenhouse gas emissions across the economy. Given that, he said, he isn't sure he trusts the president's commitments to coal, even as Obama promotes the fossil fuel through a series of other administration actions.

"He says it in his speeches, but he doesn't say it in here," Rockefeller said, referring to the budget proposal. "He doesn't say it in the actions of [EPA Administrator] Lisa Jackson. And he doesn't say it in the minds of my own people. And he's beginning to not be believable to me. So I want you to put me at rest or put me away."

Orszag, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, cited the new Cabinet-level task force Obama formed yesterday that aims to start five to 10 carbon capture and storage commercial demonstration projects around the country by 2016. He also cited the budget request of more than \$500 million for research and development for carbon storage.

And the OMB chief explained that the president wants Congress to pass a comprehensive climate bill capping greenhouse gas emissions, a program that would generate billions more for carbon storage.

Rockefeller pushed back at the Obama budget request, saying it fell well short of what was necessary to prompt widespread deployment of the "clean coal" technologies. And he said the new task force had some of the same goals as already existing federal programs.

In an interview as he left the hearing, Rockefeller said his complaints didn't rest with the budget.

"It's not a question of money, it's a question of the overall approach," he said. "I just wonder whether they really do understand the importance of coal, the fact the nation can't exist without it."

Rockefeller maintained that he, too, supports a comprehensive climate change bill, though he was doubtful the Senate could reach agreement on a bill capable of winning 60 votes by the Democratic leaders' timetable of this spring.

"I've got to be satisfied," he said. "There's some coal-state senators like myself that have to be

satisfied, forget all the Republicans who vote 'no' on everything."

Obama's commitment to fossil fuels also came under fire from Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), the head of the party's 2010 campaign operations.

Cornyn repeatedly questioned whether the administration's climate change policies entailed raising domestic energy prices in order to make other energy alternatives more commercially competitive. "I don't think that's the intention," Orszag replied. "The goal is to move toward alternative sources of energy as rapidly as possible."

The Texas Republican countered that Obama's energy policies would increase oil and gas prices, driving up imports at a time when more than three-quarters of the nation's energy needs are projected to come from fossil fuels in 2035.

But Orszag rejected the premise of the question. "What we're trying to move toward is a future where that projection is not realized," he said.

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West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D) lashed out at President Obama today for sending inconsistent messages about the future of coal.

Speaking at a Senate Finance Committee hearing on Obama's fiscal 2011 budget request, Rockefeller took umbrage first with the administration's decision to eliminate four tax breaks for the industry.

"It's going to be partly psychological," Rockefeller told White House budget chief Peter Orszag. "People are going to reduce their production because they feel, 'Uh oh, here comes the Obama administration,' and they are going to cut out coal."

But Rockefeller said his concerns snowballed when he considered recent U.S. EPA decisions on mountaintop-removal coal mining and work on regulations to control greenhouse gas emissions across the economy. Given that, he said, he isn't sure he trusts the president's commitments to coal, even as Obama promotes the fossil fuel through a series of other administration actions.

"He says it in his speeches, but he doesn't say it in here," Rockefeller said, referring to the budget proposal. "He doesn't say it in the actions of [EPA Administrator] Lisa Jackson. And he doesn't say it in the minds of my own people. And he's beginning to not be believable to me. So I want you to put me at rest or put me away."

Orszag, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, cited the new Cabinet-level task force Obama formed yesterday that aims to start five to 10 carbon capture and storage

commercial demonstration projects around the country by 2016. He also cited the budget request of more than \$500 million for research and development for carbon storage.

And the OMB chief explained that the president wants Congress to pass a comprehensive climate bill capping greenhouse gas emissions, a program that would generate billions more for carbon storage.

Rockefeller pushed back at the Obama budget request, saying it fell well short of what was necessary to prompt widespread deployment of the "clean coal" technologies. And he said the new task force had some of the same goals as already existing federal programs.

In an interview as he left the hearing, Rockefeller said his complaints didn't rest with the budget.

"It's not a question of money, it's a question of the overall approach," he said. "I just wonder whether they really do understand the importance of coal, the fact the nation can't exist without it."

Rockefeller maintained that he, too, supports a comprehensive climate change bill, though he was doubtful the Senate could reach agreement on a bill capable of winning 60 votes by the Democratic leaders' timetable of this spring.

"I've got to be satisfied," he said. "There's some coal-state senators like myself that have to be satisfied, forget all the Republicans who vote 'no' on everything."

Obama's commitment to fossil fuels also came under fire from Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas), the head of the party's 2010 campaign operations.

Cornyn repeatedly questioned whether the administration's climate change policies entailed raising domestic energy prices in order to make other energy alternatives more commercially competitive. "I don't think that's the intention," Orszag replied. "The goal is to move toward alternative sources of energy as rapidly as possible."

The Texas Republican countered that Obama's energy policies would increase oil and gas prices, driving up imports at a time when more than three-quarters of the nation's energy needs are projected to come from fossil fuels in 2035.

But Orszag rejected the premise of the question. "What we're trying to move toward is a future where that projection is not realized," he said.

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I really do this that Question Time is a game changer. This, IMO, would be one way to really deliver to those who wanted a fundamental change in our democracy. And I'm very glad it's starting to take hold. See below for my boy, Nate Silver.

[A Few Questions about #QuestionTime](#)

by Nate Silver @ [9:32 PM](#)

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As you may be aware, I've teamed up with a group of about 50 other thinkers, bloggers, insiders and outsiders to [help promote the idea of Question Time](#) -- a regularly held, televised and webcasted forum in which the President would take questions from Members of the Congress, much as President Obama did with the Republican House delegation on January 29th and members of the Democratic Senate yesterday. This is truly a bipartisan endeavor, with everyone from Markos Moulitsas to Grover Norquist on board. You can sign our petition to Demand Question Time [here](#), and follow us on twitter [here](#).

Just a brief word about why I've signed onto this cause: perhaps I'm an idealist, but I tend to think that the lack of open, unmediated, and honest dialog between members of Congress, between the Congress and the Executive, and between both Congress and the Executive and the public, is the greatest threat to the efficacy of our democracy today. While structural constraints like the filibuster certainly also play a large role, these structures are nothing new -- it's the ways that our political culture have evolved around them that may be more problematic. In particular, it seems to me that there is a need for conversations that are not staged, that are not reduced to 30-second soundbytes, and that are not filtered through the lens of the media. A Question Time period, if reasonably well structured, could be a significant step toward achieving that goal. Politics needn't always be zero-sum, particularly at the time when our country faces a number of threats -- from the economy, to Islamic and other forms of radicalism, to the aggregation of power by elites, to the the changing climate -- in which we will all sink or swim together. That's why you're seeing Democrats and Republicans, technocrats and populists all working together to agitate for Question Time.

Earlier today, I was sent a [comprehensive report on Question Time periods](#) by Matthew Glassman, an analyst for the Congressional Research Service, which contextualizes them relative to both the experience in parliamentary systems, of which they are a common facet, and relative to the American experience. Calls for question time periods are not new and have been proposed periodically by members of both the Executive and Legislative branches, including William Howard Taft, Walter Mondale, Estes Kefauver, and candidate John McCain among others. But, obviously, they have yet to become a regular feature of American democracy. Our hope, then, is more to make the issue a little "stickier" in the eyes of both the public and our elected officials and less to advance some specific proposal.

Nevertheless, the details of the idea may matter -- from my vantage point, for example, President Obama's session with the House Republicans, which seemed more spontaneous,

was considerably more constructive than his session with the Senate Democrats, which felt more staged. Therefore, I am going to address a handful of questions that Glassman raises in his report, as well as a couple of others that are salient to the conversation. The opinions expressed herein are mine alone and do not reflect an official position of the Demand Question Time coalition.

How Often Would Question Time Occur? In parliamentary systems, question time periods may occur weekly (the United Kingdom) or even daily (Canada), but the American appetite for consuming political news is perhaps somewhat more limited. In addition, we have a relatively strong Executive Branch which has many other duties and responsibilities, including international diplomacy which requires frequent travel. The right balance, it seems to me, is monthly sessions, probably lasting between 60-90 minutes. The Congress and the President would probably need some discretion on when to schedule these sessions within each month, but a prime time slot on a Sunday through Thursday night, when TV audiences are the largest, would probably be most desirable.

Which Executive Branch Officials would participate in Question Time? In most parliamentary systems, not only the Chief Executive but also members of his cabinet officials take regular questions from the legislature, either simultaneously or in separate sessions. The latter function, however, is arguably replicated to some extent by the Congressional Committee system, and would surely draw less public attention. My interest, then, is primarily on the President himself.

How Would Questions be Chosen? This is the one issue on which I feel most strongly: I think it is essential that the questions be chosen in some random order. Absent this, there is too much opportunity for questions which are less spontaneous and more staged, and for "back bench" members of the Congress -- whom are equal to any others in the eyes of the Constitution -- to play a subservient role to those who are more senior, more vocal, or (as unfortunately was the case in the session with the Senate Democrats) who might derive more electoral benefit from posing questions.

In particular, I would probably design a procedure something along the lines of the following. In advance of each session of Question Time, members of the Congress who were interested in posing a question would indicate as such to the Speaker of the House. They would not have to disclose their question in advance. A list of those members of the Congress who were interested in asking a question would be posted immediately in advance of the session on the Internet.

After that, the interested members would simply be selected in a random order to pose their questions, as is done in the United Kingdom, the lone constraint being that no party could ask more than three questions in a row (provided that there remained at least one question in the queue from the other party). Members of the Congress could not jump into our out of the queue once the session had begun.

Would a Question Period be Bicameral? It seems preferable to me to have Question Time be both bipartisan and bicameral. The larger the number of members of Congress who have the opportunity to pose questions at any given time, the less opportunity there would be for coordination, such as by leadership, that would serve to make the questions more self-serving and less spontaneous.

How Would a Question Time Period be Initiated? There are basically three options: formally via either Constitutional Amendment or via statute, or informally through custom. Of these, an informal structure clearly seems the best to me, at least initially. A Constitutional

Amendment would require several years to implement, in the unlikely event that it could be implemented at all. A statute in the absence of an Amendment, meanwhile, might run into Constitutional problems, since it's not clear that the Congress can compel members of the Executive Branch to appear before them without violating separation of powers. Therefore, the hope would simply be that Question Time would become a regular and highly popular feature that would take on something of its own momentum. Indeed, I am optimistic that once the practice got started, it would be hard to undo, as the Executive would lose significant face if he refused to answer the Congress's questions.

What Rules Would Govern Floor Procedure? It's likely that at least some governing rules would need to be adopted by the House and the Senate, particularly if question time took the form of a formal session of Congress. Glassman's report suggests that it would probably be easier to adopt a new set of rules than to adapt ordinary Congressional procedure. I don't yet have an opinion about how strictly things like the time allotted to each question and answer would need to be constrained, as it is likely that the balance between informal etiquette and formal procedures would evolve somewhat organically over time. It seems desirable, however, that any procedures would tend to give less power than more to the floor leadership, and more power rather than less to the individual members who are elected directly by the public.

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Time for me to get a late dinner, but please let me know what you think with your [tweets](#) and your comments, and don't forget to [sign that petition](#).

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LPJ - worth reading as hip pocket item for your 5:30 meeting. (b) (5) D.P. [Redacted]

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Absolutely. I will coordinate with Bill.

Richard Windsor

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Subject: African American Leadership Roundtables

Administrator Jackson,

The Office of Public Outreach has developed a series of roundtable discussions with African American leaders during the final week of Black History Month. The events focus on expanding the environmental conversation. We are developing future roundtables for you with other diverse groups during the remainder of the year.

Event: "A Dialogue with EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson: "Expanding the Environmental Conversation"

- o Three 1-hour roundtables to discuss your top priorities and their health, economic and social impact on African Americans and their communities
- o Opportunity to hear the environmentalism perspective from African American leaders and garner feedback on strategies to further engage their constituencies
- o A call to action for greater organizational and individual participation in regulatory and voluntary EPA programs and activities

Participants: 20 -25 leaders from:

- o Business and Industry
- o Faith Organizations
- o Nonprofit, Social, Education and Youth Organizations

Agenda:

- o Welcome remarks and introductions
- o Remarks - Administrator Jackson
 - o Redefining "environmentalism"

- o Overview of EPA's regulatory and enforcement roles
 - o Your 7 priorities
 - o The importance of diverse voices in the rule-making process
 - o EPA's voluntary programs
- o Dialogue on stakeholder environmental perceptions, interests and effective engagement strategies
- o Discussion on EPA programs and activities
- o Call to action for active participation in EPA programs and activities

Follow – up:

- o Staff will provide a two-page document highlighting EPA engagement opportunities i.e. Smart Growth Tools; Small Business Procurement, Grants and Resources; ORD Research Grants; Climate Showcase Grants; Community Action for Renewed Environment (CARE) Grants, EnergyStar Program, Greening Your Business Tools, College Internship Opportunities; and other free technical and financial advice and assistance programs
- o OPO staff will be assigned to each participant for long-term follow-up

Thanks,

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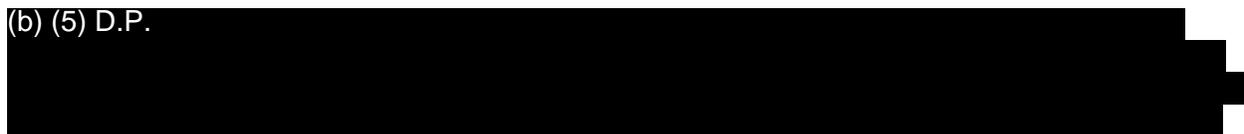
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Date: 02/21/2010 02:28PM
Subject: Re: approps oral testimony

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Subject Fw: Top Blog Posts for Monday, Feb. 22 - 7:15 pm

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From: Suzanne Ackerman**Sent:** 02/22/2010 07:14 PM EST

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Levy; Lina Younes; Amy Dewey; Brendan Gilfillan; Dave Ryan; Cathy Milbourn;
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Cc: Janice Sinclair; Denise Owens**Subject:** Top Blog Posts for Monday, Feb. 22 - 7:15 pm**LPJ Response to Congress on GHG Permitting Requirements****EPA Delays Start of New Emissions Rules**Posted by: [WSJPolitics](#) 7:15 pm Full post: <http://on.wsj.com/bAsbEd>**Jackson: EPA Climate Regs Coming in 2011**Posted by: [kate sheppard](#) 7:05 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/aLtTVy>

(Note: The Obama administration on Monday sent an ultimatum to the Senate: regulate carbon dioxide this year, or we'll do it for you. In her response to a missive from coal-state Democrats raising questions about impending regulations of greenhouse-gas emissions, EPA administrator Lisa Jackson for the first time laid out a clear timeline for pending rules from the agency.)

Bloomberg: Climate Rules Won't Take Effect This Year , EPA Head Jackson SaysPosted by: [smtaber](#) 6:45 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/adeuKo>**WSJ: Senate Democrats Add Weight To GOP Challenge Of EPA CO 2 Rules**Posted by: [money4business](#) 6:45 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/cfjtkD>**The Wonk Room: Lisa Jackson Announces EPA Will Delay and Weaken Proposed Greenhouse Standards**Posted by: [climatebrad](#) 6:40 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/clCWWk>**Reuters: U.S Green Business EPA may soften greenhouse gas permit requirement :**Posted by: [EVERYDAYNEWZ](#) 6:30 pm Full post: <http://goo.gl/fb/Ts8h>**EPA announces "modifications" to prior GHG regulatory proposals . Some backing off on timing and coverage. Anyone have the full story ?**Posted by: [chinaenvirolaw](#) 6:20 pm Full post:

(Note: Environmental lawyer in China)

Petition to Reduce Soot Pollution

Group petitions EPA to reduce soot pollution ... Latest Science News

Posted by: [abnews](#) 7:00 pm Full post: <http://twirhl.com/u/6AO>

AP: Group petitions EPA to reduce soot pollution

Posted by: [HeyThere81](#) 6:50 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/bd6QZm>

(Note: The Center for Biological Diversity called Monday for the regulation of black carbon pollution under provisions of the CW, saying it accelerates the melting of glaciers and sea ice)

Great Lakes Clean Up Announcement

EPA plans to spend \$2.2bn to protect the Great Lakes:

Posted by: [goplanit](#) 6:30 pm Full post: <http://goplanit.com//yws>

Obama Pledges \$475 Million to Rescue Great Lakes -

Posted by: [beneutral](#) 5:20 pm Full post: <http://tinyurl.com/yz8sny6>

U.S. Plan Targets Revitalization of Great Lakes from Yale e 360

Posted by: [cytokyne](#) 5:10 pm Full post: <http://e360.yale.edu/content/digest.msp?id=2285>

(Note: Wisconsin Gov. James E. Doyle described the plan as "what we would have laid out as Great Lakes governors if we could have written it ourselves.")

New blog post: EPA releases action plan to clean up the Great Lakes

Posted by: [esa_org](#) 5:00 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/aapNkp>

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Lisa Jackson**Looking forward to EPA head Lisa Jackson appearing with Biz Markie at Hip -Hop Caucus event...**Posted by: [kate sheppard](#) 4:30 pm Full post: <http://schmap.it/9WVkyI>**GHG Regulation and Senate Hearing****TIME.com: Regulation of Greenhouse Gases May Fall to EPA : With the cap-and-trade bill mired in the Senate, regulation of gre...**Posted by: [TIME Top Stories](#) 7:00 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/9mClkr>**Treehugger: Don't Be Afraid of the EPA! The 5 Facts You Need to Know About the Plan to Curb US Greenhouse Gas E..**Posted by: [GCI_uchicago](#) 7:05 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/aAZxmJ>**Tackling climate change urgent, Hu says**Posted by: [China Daily](#) 7:10 pm Full post: <http://tinyurl.com/yIaqfln>

(Note: China's highest leadership Tuesday began considering proposals from the country's senior researchers in an attempt to help achieve the country's ambitious goal of cutting carbon intensity by 40 to 45 percent by 2020.)

(Environment News Service) Climate Science Controversy Flares in EPA BudgetPosted by: [EarthAdapt:](#) 6:50 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/91tx6G>**Christian Science Monitor: Senate battles EPA in Greenhouse gas showdown .**Posted by: [new headline](#) 6:40 pm Full post: <http://tinyurl.com/yk3xbe4>**ENS: EPA's Jackson: Senate Face Off with Climate Change Skeptics : unEARTHED, from Earthjustice (blog) EPA Supreme Court...**Posted by: [earthjustice](#) 6:30 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/d7WaYq>

HuffPost - EPA Backs Down On Emissions Regulation , Dirty Energy Lawmakers Rejoice -

Posted by: [beneutral](#) 4:55 pm Full post: <http://tinyurl.com/ya4jw8b>

ACC: New EPA proposal on GHG regulation at stationary sources insufficient to protect U .S. jobs...

Posted by: [AmChemistry](#) 4:50 pm Full post: <http://ow.ly/1auK7>

(Note: American Chemistry Council)

A crack in the wall; EPA administrator distances the agency from IPCC report -- Evidence of climate change become...

Posted by: [amthinker](#): 4:40 pm Full post: <http://j.mp/cPC7yh>

NYT: EPA's Gradual Phase In of GHG Regs Garners Qualified Praise From Senators

Posted by: [nytimes](#) 4:50 pm Full post: <http://nyti.ms/dgQxj2>

Great Lakes Clean Up Announcement

ESPN Outdoors News Regional news : Feds have Great Lakes plan

Posted by: [DougCavin](#) 5:44 pm Full post: <http://ow.ly/16E90U>

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Subject Meeting with Connie Hedegaard, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Teresa Ribera, State Secretary for Climate Change of Spain

Meeting

Date 03/17/2010
Time 10:00:00 AM to 10:45:00 AM
Chair Daniel Gerasimowicz
Invitees
Required
Optional
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Location Bullet Room

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Spain Attendees:

Teresa Ribera, Secretary of State for Climate Change, Ministry of Environment Rural and Marine Affairs -Spain

Jose Pascual Marco Martin, Deputy Chief of Mission- Embassy of Spain

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Subject WaPo: Manure becomes pollutant as its volume grows
unmanageable

Looks like this is an A1 story for tomorrow's paper:

Manure becomes pollutant as its volume grows unmanageable

By David A. Fahrenthold

Washington Post Staff Writer

Monday, March 1, 2010; A01

Nearly 40 years after the first Earth Day, this is irony: The United States has reduced the manmade pollutants that left its waterways dead, discolored and occasionally flammable. But now, it has managed to smother the same waters with the most natural stuff in the world. Animal manure, a byproduct as old as agriculture, has become an unlikely modern pollution problem, scientists and environmentalists say. The country simply has more dung than it can handle: Crowded together at a new breed of megafarms, livestock produce three times as much waste as people, more than can be recycled as fertilizer for nearby fields. That excess manure gives off air pollutants, and it is the country's fastest-growing large source of methane, a greenhouse gas. And it washes down with the rain, helping to cause the 230 oxygen-deprived "dead zones" that have proliferated along the U.S. coast. In the Chesapeake Bay, about one-fourth of the pollution that leads to dead zones can be traced to the back ends of cows, pigs, chickens and turkeys. Despite its impact, manure has not been as strictly regulated as more familiar pollution problems, like human sewage, acid rain or industrial waste. The Obama administration has made moves to change that but already has found itself facing off with farm interests, entangled in the contentious politics of poop. In recent months, Oklahoma has battled poultry companies from Arkansas in court, blaming their birds' waste for slimy and deadened rivers downstream. In Florida, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed first-of-its-kind limits on pollutants found in manure. In the Senate, Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.) has proposed a bill that would allow farmers in the Chesapeake watershed to cut pollution more than required and sell the extra "credits" to other polluters. The EPA, in the middle of an overhaul for the failed Chesapeake cleanup, also has threatened to tighten rules on large farms. "We now know that we have more nutrient pollution from animals in the Chesapeake Bay watershed" than from human sewage, said J. Charles Fox, the EPA's new Chesapeake czar. "Nutrients" is the scientific word for the main pollutants found in manure, treated sewage, and runoff from fertilized lawns. They are the bay's chief evil, feeding unnatural algae blooms that cause dead zones. Around the country, agricultural interests have fought back against moves like these, saying that new rules on manure could mean crushing new costs for farmers. "It's clearly going to put a squeeze on people that they've always said they didn't want to squeeze," including family-run farms, said Don Parrish of the American Farm Bureau Federation. The story of manure is already a gloomy counterpoint to the triumphs in fighting pollution since the first Earth Day in 1970. An air pollutant that causes acid rain has been cut by 56 percent. By one measure, the output from sewage plants got 45 percent cleaner. But, according to Cornell University researchers, the amount of one key pollutant -- nitrogen -- entering the environment in manure has increased by at least 60 percent since the 1970s. "We've dealt with the kind of conventional pollutants," that helped spark the first Earth Day, said Donald F. Boesch, president of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. "Now, we see the things that are eating our lunch, if you will, are natural products . . . that are just overloading the system." The reasons for manure's rise as a pollutant have to do, environmentalists say, with a shift in agriculture and a soft spot in the law. In recent decades, livestock raising has shifted to a smaller number of large farms. At these places, with thousands of hogs or hundreds of thousands of chickens, the old self-contained cycle of farming -- manure feeds the crops, then the crops feed the animals -- is overwhelmed by the large amount of waste. The result in farming-heavy places has been too

much manure and too little to do with it. In the air, that extra manure can dry into dust, forming a "brown fog." It can emit substances that contribute to climate change. And it can give off a smell like a punch to the stomach. "You have to cover your face just to go from the house to the car," said Lynn Henning, 52, a farmer in rural Clayton, Mich., who said she became an environmental activist after fumes from huge new dairies gave her family headaches and burning sinuses. The way that modern megafarms produce it, Henning said, "Manure is no longer manure. Manure is a toxic waste now." In the water, the chemicals in manure don't poison life, like pesticides or spilled oil. Instead, they create too much life, and the wrong kinds. "You get Miracle-Gro for your water," said David Guest, a lawyer for the group Earthjustice who has fought for tougher limits on pollution in Florida. The chemicals in manure serve as fertilizer for unnatural algae blooms. They drain away oxygen as they decompose. Scientists say the number of suffocating dead zones -- oxygen-depleted areas where even worms and clams climb out of the mud, desperate to respire -- has grown from 16 in the 1950s to at least 230 today. The Chesapeake's is usually the country's third largest, after the Gulf of Mexico and Lake Erie. The law, however, has treated manure and other agricultural pollutants differently than pollutants from smokestacks and sewer pipes. The EPA does not set a hard cap on how much manure can wash off farms, instead issuing guidelines that apply only to the largest operations. There, the rules might limit how much manure farmers can spread on individual fields, for instance, or order them to plant grassy strips along riverbanks to filter manure-laden runoff. Even that level of regulation has only been in place since the 1990s. But now, the EPA has signaled an intent to tighten its grip. Last Monday, the agency announced that reducing manure-laden runoff was one of its six "national enforcement initiatives." New rules went into effect in December that will impose even tighter restrictions on large farms. Last fall, the U.S. Department of Agriculture also considered a change to its guidelines, which would have limited the amount of manure farmers could apply to their fields. But then it scrapped that idea, saying the issue needed more study. Last week on the Eastern Shore, where farmers raised 568 million chickens last year, the problem of excess manure was still big enough to see from the road. "See how dark that one pile is? That's chicken manure," said Kathy Phillips, 61, an environmental activist who patrols the peninsula for piles of manure stored outdoors. As a steady rain fell, she said that pollutants were probably leaching off that mound -- as tall as a van and the color of dark-roast coffee -- and into ditch water that would eventually reach the Pocomoke River, then the Chesapeake. Phillips usually surveys these piles from the air. She has a mental map of dozens of these off-smelling mounds. "I don't want to be the Poop Lady," said Phillips, who got into environmentalism because she loved to surf Ocean City's beaches. "But, you know, somebody had to talk about this. It's like this dirty little secret." A few miles north, the poultry giant Perdue has come up with one way to dispose of excess manure. At a \$13 million plant outside Seaford, Del., tons of poultry manure are dried, heated to kill off bacteria and compressed into pellets of organic fertilizer that is sold to golf courses or homeowners. "This is sort of a reverse chicken," said Perdue spokesman Luis Luna, as bulldozers moved manure below. "In a chicken, the food goes in and the poop goes out. Here, the poop comes in and the plant food goes out." That helps Chesapeake's manure problem, but it isn't the whole solution. Luna said there is enough manure on the Shore to keep more plants like this running -- but Perdue isn't planning to build more yet. So far, the fertilizer doesn't sell well enough to make that cost-effective.

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CLIMATE: Senate moderates welcome move away from economywide cap and trade (Tuesday, March 2, 2010)

Darren Samuelsohn, E&E senior reporter

Several moderate senators today welcomed moves to pare back comprehensive energy and climate change legislation by dealing with different sectors of the economy in different ways.

Democratic and GOP senators said they appreciated the new plan being crafted by Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) that would phase in mandatory greenhouse gas limits, beginning with the electric utility industry and then moving toward manufacturers, while placing the nation's transportation fuels under a carbon tax that rises based on compliance costs for the other major emitters.

"I'm definitely open to this approach as opposed to the previous approach and as opposed to doing nothing," said Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.).

"I think doing nothing is a terrible mistake," Landrieu added. "It's a terrible mistake not just for the environment. But it's a terrible mistake for the

economy. Because there are billions of dollars in private capital sitting on the sidelines waiting for the referee to blow the whistle and set the rules of the game. If the referee hides in the dugout and no whistle is ever blown and no rules are ever published, that money can't create jobs."

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) said a less sweeping measure may be more appropriate, citing concerns with the overall size of the House-passed bill and a Senate counterpart he opposed in the Environment and Public Works Committee.

"Any movement away from economywide cap and trade is a movement in the right direction," said Alexander, the chairman of the Senate Republican Conference, who also urged lawmakers to focus on conventional air pollutants from power plants and "leave manufacturers alone."

Kerry, Graham and Lieberman led a series of meetings today on the broad outlines of their approach with senators and outside interests, including U.S. Chamber of Commerce President Tom Donohue. Kerry said the three senators would have specifics on paper in the coming days.

"We'll be continuing to meet with people to address their concerns, and so we obviously have to give them language to try to do that," Kerry said following a meeting in the Capitol that included Sens. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Mark Warner (D-Va.), Tom Carper (D-Del.), Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), Mark Udall (D-Colo.) and George Voinovich (R-Ohio).

Emerging from the same meeting, several of the senators said the Kerry-led trio may have found a sweet spot, though they would like to see more information.

"It's positive, it's refreshing, it's new thinking, it's potential," said Finance Chairman Baucus.

"I think most of the folks in the room would like to move ahead on something, and the details matter, and we'll get them in a couple of days," said Levin. "You've got to chew on these things. You can't just sit at a table here and say, 'Yes, yes, no, no,' without knowing the precise details of what you're agreeing to. This matters as to how effective it will be, and how fair. Will it be effective to accomplish the goal, and will it be fair in terms of the responsibilities that are accepted by various people?"

Others sounded skeptical.

Voinovich said he is not optimistic about the chances for a broad-brush bill. "I think the environment for a large cap and trade or whatever you want to call it is not there today," he said, adding that the public also remains dubious of a complex trading system with billions of dollars in allowances moving around from industry

to industry, and into the Treasury.

"People are very skeptical about saying what we're going to do is take a dollar out of your back pocket and we'll turn around and give it to you in your right one," Voinovich said.

"I don't know how it would work," said Bingaman, the chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "This mix-and-match kind of discussion doesn't get you anywhere. You've got to get down to specifics."

And Senate Policy Committee Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) renewed his call for passage of an energy-only approach. "Cap and trade or a first cousin of cap and trade won't pass this year in my judgment," he said.

Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) last week urged Kerry to get a bill out for review as soon as possible.

"The window is very small," Majority Whip Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) said today. "To be honest, I know what this calendar is like, and I know what it takes to do the routine things. Days at a time. And anything that has controversy or meat in it is going to take longer. So the majority leader is right."

Asked if he wanted to introduce legislation before Easter, Kerry replied, "That'd be nice."

Reporter Robin Bravender contributed.

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I am forwarding the release issued this afternoon by WVDEP which we received shortly before its official distribution. We expect to see it in the press very quickly.

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The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Cabinet Secretary, Randy Huffman, spoke to the Senate Committee on Energy, Industry and Mining today. He was asked to give a report on the status of mining permits that are currently undergoing review by the Environmental Protection Agency.

During his presentation to the committee, Huffman announced that the agency is in the process of establishing a protocol for implementing and enforcing the state's narrative water quality criteria.

The lack of a solid plan for enforcing the narrative standard is the main criticism the EPA has had with the state of West Virginia's regulation of mountaintop mining activities over the past year. However, Huffman pointed out to the committee that the standard doesn't apply to just surface mining or mining in general, but has implications across all types of industrial activities.

As part of the process for establishing a state protocol, the DEP is researching what other states are doing as well as seeking input from interested parties within the state.

"Water quality has become the main topic of conversation across all types of industry, and there is a great deal of debate about what is or should be considered impairment," Huffman said. "Our goal is to take into consideration the

ideas of others as we develop our plan for implementing and enforcing the narrative standard.

"I'm not looking for data and reports, I have that," he said. "Nor do I intend to debate the pros and cons of coal mining. What I am looking for are well-thought-out ideas on how we can measure aquatic life impacts and tie those impacts back to the problem where we can then fix it, using the tools of the Clean Water Act.

"The protocol we establish will be our own, but we want to give those who want to propose a solution the opportunity to have their ideas considered," Huffman said.

Those who would like to submit ideas or scientific theories for how the agency should implement and enforce the narrative water quality standard are invited to do so by March 26. Submissions can be emailed to DEP.comments@wv.gov or mailed to:

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CLIMATE: Murkowski blasts EPA for conflicting statements on regulation (Wednesday, March 3, 2010)

Robin Bravender, E&E Reporter

Alaska Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski today grilled U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson on what the senator called conflicting statements on whether the agency's leader would prefer to curb greenhouse gas emissions using regulations or legislation.

Speaking today to the Senate Interior and Environment Appropriations Subcommittee, Murkowski asked Jackson to clarify whether she wanted Congress to move forward with a comprehensive energy and climate bill or whether agency rules were the best approach.

Murkowski cited previous quotes from Jackson where she said that EPA regulations and congressional action could go hand in hand. "This is not an either/or moment, it's a both/and moment," Murkowski quoted Jackson as saying. She also quoted her saying, "I absolutely prefer that the Senate take action."

Murkowski, the ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, is leading an effort in the Senate to overturn EPA's "endangerment" finding -- a determination that greenhouse gases threaten public health and welfare that allows the agency to move forward with climate regulations. The first set of those rules is expected out later this month.

"I'm not sure whether you agree with me that -- and I think the president as well -- that new legislation is the best way to deal with climate change or whether it should be EPA regulation," Murkowski said.

But Jackson continued to insist that the approaches can be complementary.

"I certainly stand behind the president's call for comprehensive energy legislation that puts a price on carbon, and I believe that's absolutely the best way, as you've said, to move our country into a clean energy future, I think it's critical," Jackson replied. "And I also think that it's not an either/or moment.

"Even legislation that's currently passed the House, that's the standard we have right now, envisions that EPA will have certain roles to play," Jackson added. "And there is lots of regulatory work that the EPA can do that is entirely consistent with new legislation in the future."

That was not enough to satisfy Murkowski.

"I don't know that I'm any more clear based on your statement this morning as to whether or not you think it should be the Congress and those of us that are elected by our constituents and accountable to them to enact and advance climate policy," she told Jackson.

Jackson hints at new permitting thresholds

Pressed by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, Jackson offered additional details about EPA's plans to gradually phase in climate rules for industrial sources.

Over the next two years, stationary sources that emit less than 75,000 tons will not be subject to permitting requirements under the Clean Air Act, Jackson said. "And it would probably be at least two years before we'd look at something like say a 50,000 threshold," she added.

Last week, in [response](#) to a letter from Senate Democrats concerned about the reach of EPA's climate rules, Jackson said that the agency is also considering "substantially" raising the thresholds in its proposed "tailoring" rule to exempt more facilities from requirements that they minimize their greenhouse gas emissions ([E&E Daily](#) , Feb. 23).

The agency's draft rule proposed to tailor the Clean Air Act's permitting requirements to require greenhouse gas permits from sources that emit more than 25,000 tons annually. The final rule is expected to be finalized later this month and Jackson said the agency has not yet determined the number.

Jackson's letter also said that EPA will begin to phase in permitting requirements and regulating large stationary sources of greenhouse gases in early 2011, when only facilities that must already apply for Clean Air Act permits for other pollutants will need to address those emissions. Fewer than 400 facilities would be subject to those requirements, she said. The agency will begin to require permits from other large sources in the latter half of 2011.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), chairwoman of the subcommittee, welcomed further explanation about the agency's regulatory strategy.

"As EPA explains its plans, I believe my colleagues will increasingly realize that the agency is proceeding in a deliberate and legally defensible fashion, beginning with facilities already subject to regulation, tackling only the largest polluters at this time and developing a long-term approach to emissions that is as cost effective and flexible as the law permits," Feinstein said.

She added that she thinks it is the "wrong approach" for members of Congress to attempt to strip EPA of its regulatory authority. "The alternative to EPA proceeding, in my view, is that the Congress passes a new law, and thus far, we have refused or been unable, whichever it is, to do so," Feinstein said. "Therefore, EPA's mandate given to it by the [U.S. Supreme] Court in the [*Massachusetts v. EPA*] case, I think, remains exceedingly clear."

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), ranking member of the subcommittee, disagreed.

"I am ready to buy some insurance from climate change. I think it's a problem and we need to deal with it," Alexander said.

However, he added, "I support efforts in the Congress to make that the responsibility of Congress to deal with rather than the EPA because I think the current law doesn't give EPA the appropriate flexibility to deal with it, and I think it's of such major importance it ought to be done by members of Congress rather than an agency."

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Aaron, if ok, when does the administrator have a moment?

Thx.

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To Richard Windsor, David McIntosh

03/04/2010 05:28 PM

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Subject Re: Senator Byrd statement on Rockefeller bill

Yes. Def.

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Richard Windsor

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From: Richard Windsor

Sent: 03/04/2010 05:27 PM EST

To: David McIntosh; Arvin Ganesan

Subject: Re: Senator Byrd statement on Rockefeller bill

My goodness. I think that's what they call leadership. Shall I send a note of thanks?

David McIntosh

----- Original Message -----

From: David McIntosh

Sent: 03/04/2010 05:25 PM EST

To: Arvin Ganesan; Richard Windsor

Subject: Senator Byrd statement on Rockefeller bill

No, I hadn't seen that. Senator Byrd's office continues to astound. God, they're terrific. Administrator, FYI.

Arvin Ganesan

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03/04/2010 05:23:05 PM

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To: Arvin Ganesan

Subject: FYI

STATEMENT OF SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD, D-W.Va.
March 4, 2010

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After speaking with Ken Ward about the story he's writing on the MTM EPA guidance, here's what we

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Subject Re: DECISION: MTM Quote?

Also, this story is going to run on Sunday.

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Yep! LORD have mercy.

Richard Windsor [Sigh](#) ----- Original Message ----- 03/05/2010 07:36:35 PM

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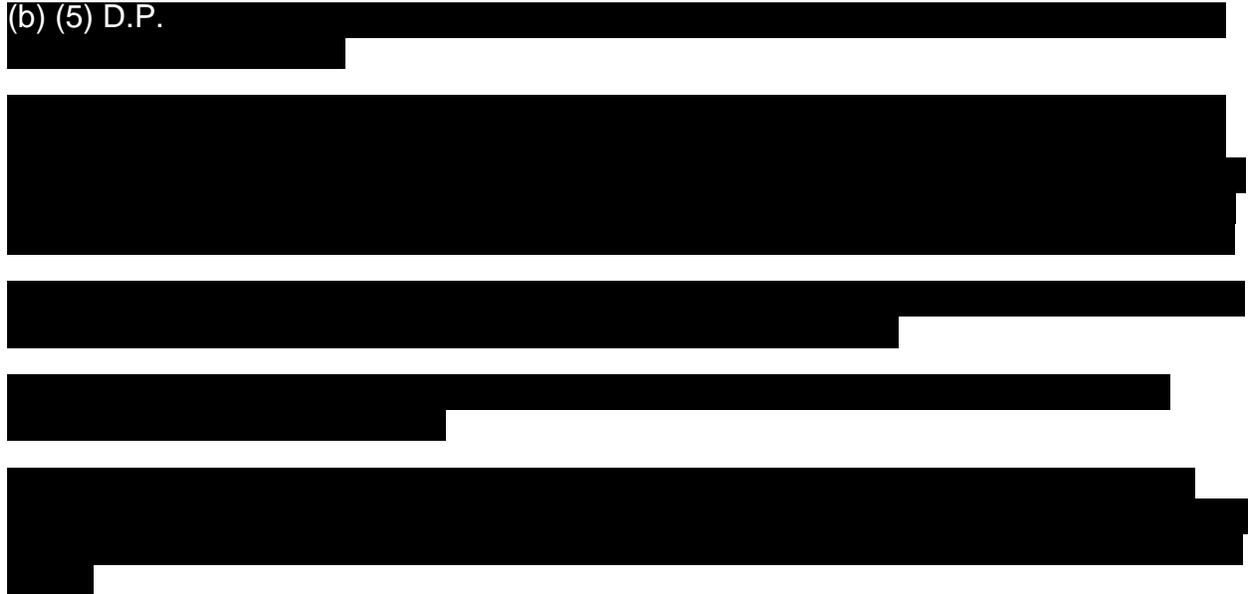
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March 8, 2010 by Ken Ward Jr.



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That story is [here](#). Folks who are interested in hearing more might tune in today at noon when EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson's Press Club, to hear if she talks about it or gets any questions from the media about mountaintop removal.

From a purely political standpoint, these delays by EPA certainly seem to play right into the coal industry's hands, allowing industry lobbyists and their politician friends to continue to argue that the Obama administration is just following industry any guidelines to follow.

At the same time, it's worth remembering the comments of top EPA water official Peter Silva, who said

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Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US

03/10/2010 11:27 AM

To "Tom Vilsack"

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Subject EPA statement re AFB

Our public statement, if you need it:"Administrator Jackson has already made clear that current law will not require any agricultural operations to undergo any greenhouse gas permitting in the near-term years, and Congress will have enacted a new climate law before we move beyond the near term. Moreover, under a provision that Congress enacted last year, EPA is not currently requiring any agricultural operations to even report any of their greenhouse gas emissions. Every six months, like clockwork, certain corporate lobbyist begin spreading new unsubstantiated rumors about EPA planning to tax cows. It was untrue last year, and it remains untrue this year."

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Subject Re: Boiler MACT Proposal

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Subject: Boiler MACT Proposal

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**Brendan
Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US**
03/10/2010 05:38 PM

To Richard Windsor
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Subject Response to Gov's letter re: GHGs

Administrator -

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To "Richard Windsor"

03/14/2010 04:31 PM

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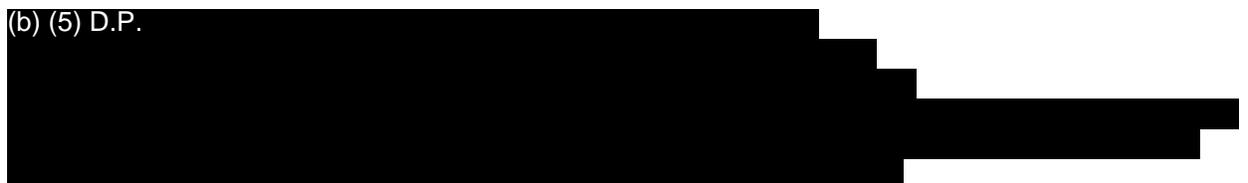
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Subject Re: PLEASE APPROVE: SEPW STATEMENT

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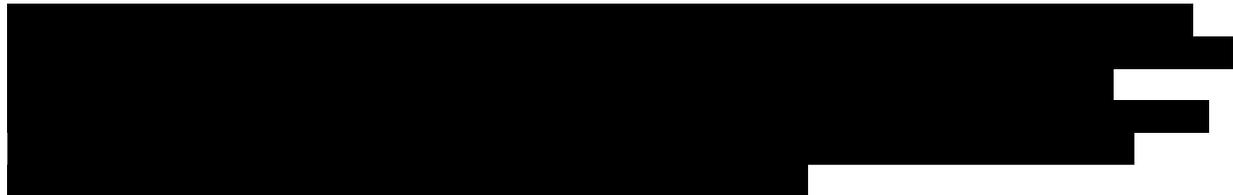
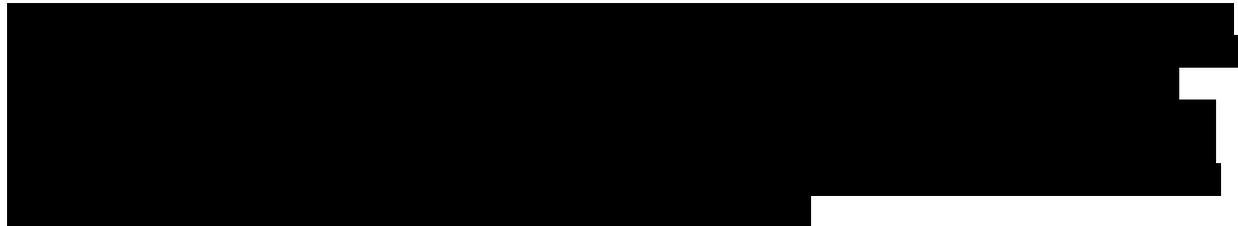
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Subject Re: NEWSWEEK: THE GREEN FIGHTER

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Have a great weekend!

Richard Windsor

All Cool ? What happened to the MT...

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All Cool ? What happened to the MTM meet?

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Subject: NEWSWEEK: THE GREEN FIGHTER

The Green Fighter

By **Daniel Stone** | NEWSWEEK

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From the magazine issue dated Mar 29, 2010

Washington, D.C., is littered with the careers of well-meaning public servants who came to do good but fell victim to politics. Lisa Jackson is determined not to become one of them. As head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, she oversees the quality of America's air and water and monitors pollution levels. It's a job that endears her to green activists (and anyone who likes clean air and water)—but it puts her at odds with some of the nation's largest, richest industries. For decades, big manufacturers and commercial farmers—who retain powerful lobbyists and make large contributions to the election campaigns of members of Congress—have pushed back against the EPA's efforts to enact stricter controls on pollution. In the George W. Bush years they often got their way, as the EPA rolled back on enforcement.

Now Jackson is out to change that. With the backing of her boss, President Barack Obama, she has announced that unless Congress acts by next January, the EPA will use its authority under America's Clean Air Act to phase in new restrictions on carbon dioxide, the greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. It's an audacious gambit by a single agency—essentially a threat from Jackson to Congress that unless it gets its act together, she'll move unilaterally. The U.S. emits nearly a quarter of the world's carbon dioxide; late last year EPA scientists identified CO₂

and five other less prominent greenhouse gases as a threat to public health, and Jackson has vowed to cut back on all of them. "The difference between this administration and the last is that we don't believe we have an option to do nothing," she says.

In making her announcement, Jackson and the White House weren't just putting U.S. polluters on notice. They were also sending a symbolic message to Congress and the rest of the world that, 12 years after it refused to sign the Kyoto treaty, and after offering virtually no concessions in Copenhagen, the United States is now taking climate change seriously. It was no coincidence that Jackson released the agency's research on the opening day of December's Copenhagen summit. "These long-overdue findings cement 2009 as the year when the U.S. government began addressing the challenge of greenhouse-gas pollution and seizing the opportunity of clean-energy reform," she said then.

Environmentalists applauded. But three months later, Jackson—a chemical engineer who spent years working within the EPA bureaucracy—is starting to see how difficult that may be to do back home. Already, powerful interests are lining up against the anticipated changes, which she and agency scientists have promised to detail later this year. Industry groups like the American Public Power Association are readying lobbying campaigns to kill or at least slow the impending regulations, and more than 100 agriculture and energy groups have asked Jackson to stand down. "It will create a huge competitive disadvantage to our industry," says Nancy Gravatt, a spokesperson for the American Iron and Steel Institute. "We already filed a legal challenge. The further this gets, the more of that we will be doing. We will continue to contest this."

Politicians on Capitol Hill are also agitating against the cuts. "Getting climate policy right will take a lot of work and should be done by those elected to Congress," says Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, one of the nation's largest producers of oil and paper. "We may not be moving as fast as some would like, but we are working. And we're trying to make sure we balance our need to curb emissions with our need for a robust and growing economy. That's a balance the EPA can't guarantee."

Jackson knew that threatening to act by executive fiat wouldn't be popular. But she also knew it would get people's attention, and maybe prod Congress to act. She says that she would prefer to go through—instead of around—Congress. "You can definitely cut emissions through regulation, but a much more efficient way is through legislation," she says. For one thing, Congress could sugarcoat a carbon-cutting bill with tax cuts and other incentives, making it easier to get industry on board.

Jackson's do-it-or-else version contains none of that. Yet despite protests by members of Congress that she is infringing on their turf, leaders on Capitol Hill—bogged down with health-care reform and worried about a double-dip recession—have shown little interest in taking action themselves. Republicans, largely skeptical of climate change, are opposed to steep emissions cuts. And even many Democrats who are sympathetic to the cause in principle don't want to make trouble with big employers (and donors) back in their home districts. (Some lawmakers have introduced protest bills that threaten to rewrite the Clean Air Act to curtail the EPA's power, and even to dry up Jackson's budget. The bills aren't expected to go anywhere, although Jackson says she's prepared to fight such measures if they do.)

The members of Congress who do want to act on global warming recognize that pushing for emissions cuts is the last way to win the support of their colleagues. In the Senate, Democrats John Kerry and Joe Lieberman and Republican Lindsey Graham are working on a broad energy bill that will include government subsidies for businesses to use renewable energy sources. But the measure is expected to be lax on actual carbon reductions, and thus is unlikely to make a meaningful dent in the nation's greenhouse-gas emissions.

The big question in Washington isn't whether the EPA has the authority to go it alone and force polluters to change; the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2007 that it does. It's whether the White House is actually serious about carrying out Jackson's plan—or if it is just noisily bluffing to get Congress to move, even if it falls short of Jackson's ambitious proposals to monitor the biggest

polluters.

The one to watch for that answer isn't Jackson, but Obama. If the January deadline approaches and Congress still hasn't budged, it will fall to him to decide if he has the stomach to make good on Jackson's ultimatum. It wouldn't be a quiet fight. The other side would attack him as anti-business and anti-job—and that would include some Democrats.

Already there are signs that it may not come to that. As Jackson talks tough about deadlines and cuts—trying to convince industry that the administration is standing behind her plan—the president himself has been notably quiet on the question. His aides, meanwhile, are sending signals that Obama is looking for a way to avoid such a showdown. "The president understands that the EPA must follow the science and its legal obligations," says a White House official who spoke under the usual rules of anonymity. "But he has made abundantly clear that his strong preference is for Congress to pass energy and climate legislation." **Hardball Washington translation: let's make a deal.**

Find this article at <http://www.newsweek.com/id/235141>

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Subject Fw: more info on R 7's emphasis on Administrator's priorities

Karl Brooks is making a concerted and continuing effort to amplify your priorities. The latest example...

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From: Rich Hood/R7/USEPA/US
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Subject: more info on R 7's emphasis on Administrator's priorities

Allyn,

I am pasting in the message that went up on the LAN this morning in Region 7 from Regional Administrator Karl Brooks.

Originator: Karl Brooks**Approver: Karl Brooks****Moving Forward: Agency Priorities, Regional Actions**

As we prepare for our brown bag session discussing the Administrator's Priorities and how we in Region 7 will implement those priorities, I wanted to expand on my earlier message to regional staff. You have seen the following statement from Lisa Jackson posted around our buildings: "These priorities are built around the challenges and opportunities inherent in our mission to protect human health and the environment. I have confidence in our ability to meet

every challenge, and seize every opportunity."

The posters list the Administrator's Priorities:

- 1) Taking Action on Climate Change
- 2) Improving Air Quality
- 3) Assuring the Safety of Chemicals
- 4) Cleaning up Our Communities
- 5) Protecting America's Waters
- 6) Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice
- 7) Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships.

I strongly endorse these priorities and want to let you know how I intend to amplify them here in the Region.

1) Enforce – EPA Region 7 enforces some of our nation's most important laws, including ones that deal with climate, air quality, chemical safety, water quality and cleaning up our communities.

2) Endorse – EPA Region 7 makes sure that our partners in state government, tribal and local governments are carrying out their important duties. Working together we can accomplish our challenging mission.

3) Encourage – EPA Region 7 has technical know-how and capacity to help American citizens figure out new and better ways of living right with the earth. We encourage citizens to take responsibility for the conditions of our world and the world we will leave to our kids.

4) Visibility – As the presidential appointee here, I can function as the Administrator's eyes and ears on environmental matters in our region. I need to be out and among the people of this region,

and I intend to do that. Visibility is important both to me as the regional administrator, and it's also something I can help you accomplish.

5) Credibility – I have always believed that EPA and the folks who work for EPA speak with credibility. As regional administrator I will act always to enhance our credibility by demonstrating to the people of this region that when the agency intervenes on an issue or tackles a problem, we do so using all our knowledge, skill and resources to help people devise a solution or even just understand the problem.

6) Renewability – During my time as regional administrator I will help my colleagues who have already been on the job move our agency forward. I will help my colleagues identify those who must come after me to renew EPA's ability to do our hard work. This agency shines as a bright beacon of environmental responsibility throughout our region. I will work with all of you to keep us in the forefront. Our mission is perennial, but the tools we bring to it are renewable. I will always remember that our people are EPA's greatest resource.

I look forward to meeting with you on March 25.

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 03/26/2010 07:01 PM

To Richard Windsor, Adora Andy, Bob Perciasepe
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Subject Dow Jones corrected story

we got them to make some good changes to their original piece.

EPA Moves to Deny Arch Coal Permit

- By Ian Talley
- Of DOW JONES NEWSWIRES

¶ WASHINGTON (Dow Jones)--The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Friday it plans to revoke Arch Coal's (ACI) Spruce No. 1 coal mining permit, saying it would have adverse environmental impacts.

¶ The agency said its decision would "significantly restrict or prohibit" operations at the mine. The proposed permit veto is subject to public comment for 60 days before the agency can finalize the ruling.

¶ The EPA denial of the project--which would have been the largest mountaintop coal mine in central Appalachia--follows failed negotiations with the company, the EPA said.

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The move is one of the most aggressive to come out of the Obama administration's reexamination of mountaintop mining, where peaks are scraped and blasted away to reach coal seams inside. The EPA has reviewed dozens of permits and approved one large mine in January after environmental improvements were promised.

But, in this case, the agency is threatening to stop the Spruce Number One mine in Logan County, W.Va., entirely -- or at least stop it from using "valley fills," depositing excess rock and rubble in nearby streams. Under the federal Clean Water Act, the EPA has the power to veto projects that would cause an "unacceptable adverse impact," but it has only used that power 12 times since 1972.

And it has never used the power in a case like this, where the mine already has a permit.

EPA will now take public comments on the proposal for 60 days and hold a hearing on the proposal in West Virginia.

The EPA says the Spruce Number One mine, in a region of southern West Virginia about 300 miles from Washington, would bury about seven miles of streams. As toxic chemicals flow downstream from the mine rubble, the agency said, they could harm aquatic life including one of the richest concentrations of salamanders in the world.

The mine was issued a federal permit in 2007, under the Bush administration, but major mining was delayed by lawsuits from environmental groups. After the Obama White House raised questions about the mine's environmental consequences last year, the EPA began negotiations with Arch Coal, the mine's St. Louis-based parent company.

The EPA said Friday that those negotiations had failed to resolve the impasse.

"Coal, and coal mining, is part of our nation's energy future, and for that reason EPA has made repeated efforts to foster dialogue and find a responsible path forward," Shawn Garvin, EPA's regional administrator for the mid-Atlantic, said in a written press release. "But we must prevent the significant and irreversible damage that comes from mining pollution -- and the damage from this project would be irreversible."

In a statement, Arch Coal said it was "disappointed" with the decision.

"We are evaluating all possible options for relief from the government's actions and intend to vigorously defend the Spruce permit by all legal means," a company statement said.

West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin III, who has advocated for the coal industry on this issue, issued a statement saying "I am obviously very disappointed, because, the way it stands now, it means a major loss of potential jobs."

The news was cheered by environmental groups -- some of whom had criticized the federal government for sending mixed messages, for and against mountaintop mining.

"It seems that EPA Administrator [Lisa P.] Jackson's concern over the impacts of mountaintop removal coal mining on human health and waterways is now translating into meaningful action," the Rainforest Action Network said in a statement. "We hope that the Spruce Mine veto is a sign that EPA is going to begin using its full authority to stop this devastating practice."

Mountaintop mining -- also called "mountaintop removal" mining -- accounts for about 10 percent of U.S. coal production, though it plays an outsized role in parts of Appalachia. Coal companies say the practice is essential, extracting coal that could not be reached another way.

But environmentalists say the practice destroys mountain ecosystems, buries stream valleys under tons of rubble and poisons stream life for miles downstream.

EPA recommends veto of W.Va. mining permit

By BRIAN FARKAS
Associated Press Writer

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency moved Friday to veto a water quality permit for West Virginia's largest surface mine, saying the operation would cause irreversible damage to the environment.

Regional Administrator Shawn Garvin said talks with Mingo Logan Coal Corp. failed to produce an agreement to reduce potential harm at the Spruce No. 1 mine. The agency said the mining plan, which includes mountaintop removal and valley fills, would cover 2,278 acres, and would bury 7 miles of

headwater streams and degrade water quality.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued the permit in 2007. But EPA said it wanted to exercise its authority under the federal Clean Water Act to review the permit further.

EPA's proposal was issued Friday, the deadline set by a federal judge for the agency to make a decision.

"This recommendation is consistent with our broader Clean Water Act efforts in Central Appalachia. EPA has a duty under the law to protect water quality and safeguard the people who rely on these waters for drinking, fishing and swimming," Garvin said in a prepared statement.

The permit is the subject of a federal lawsuit challenging the corps' authority to issue clean water permits for large mountaintop removal mines. U.S. District Judge Robert Chambers has allowed mining to occur at the Logan County mine until the case is resolved.

The Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition is a plaintiff in the lawsuit. Co-Director Dianne Bady said she was pleased by EPA's decision.

"We are so glad to see the Obama administration based its decision on sound science," she said.

Several members of West Virginia's congressional delegation said they were upset by the decision.

Mingo Logan is a subsidiary of St. Louis-based Arch Coal. The company said it was disappointed by EPA's action and was assessing its legal options.

"The Spruce permit is the most scrutinized and fully considered permit in West Virginia's history," the company said in statement. "The 13-year permitting process included the preparation of a full environmental impact statement, the only permit in the eastern coal fields to ever undergo such review."

Arch Coal said it would ask Chambers to rule on the company's request for summary judgment in the lawsuit. The Department of Justice asked Chambers on Friday to delay any decisions until EPA issues a final decision following a 60-day public comment period.

It's the first time since 1972 that EPA has used its authority to veto a permitted project. In nearly four decades the agency has used its authority

only 12 times before a permit was issued.

Garvin said EPA determined that rock, dirt and other mining wastes from Spruce No. 1 would affect water quality, fish and wildlife in the Coal River watershed. The watershed is already one of the state's more heavily mined areas.

The mine would release high levels of total dissolved solids and selenium, which in high concentrations can create birth defects in fish and other aquatic life.

Also, the plan to replace ecological resources lost during mining was inadequate, EPA said.

The federal agency has focused on coal mining in Central Appalachia since President Barack Obama took office. The agency has concentrated on mines where mountaintop removal mining is used to expose multiple coal seams. Studies have shown the mining practice has buried hundreds of miles of streams under valley fills, that were permitted under the dredge and fill section of the Clean Water Act.

Last fall, EPA said it had identified 79 permits in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee where the mining practice is used. In September, EPA said it wanted to review the Spruce No. 1 permit.

Garvin said EPA will hold a 60-day comment period on its recommendation before it makes a final decision. The agency also plans to hold a public hearing in the state.

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Office of the Press Secretary

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March 31, 2010

**Remarks of President Barack Obama – As Prepared for Delivery
Statement on Energy Security
Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland**

As Prepared for Delivery –

Thank you, Secretary Salazar. Ken and I were colleagues in the Senate, and I appointed him because I knew he'd be a faithful and pragmatic steward of our natural resources. As Secretary, he's changing the way the Interior Department does business so that we are responsibly developing traditional sources of energy and renewable sources of energy, from the wind on the high plains to the sun in the deserts to the waves off our coasts.

It's also good to see so many members of our Armed Forces here today. Andrews is the home of Air Force One, and I appreciate everything you do for me and my family. You've got a 100-percent on-time departure record. And you don't charge for checking luggage. So it's a pretty good deal. But in all seriousness, I want to thank you not only for the support you provide to me – but also for the service you perform to keep our country safe.

We are here today to talk about America's energy security, an issue that has been a priority for my administration since the day I took office. Already, we've made the largest investment in clean energy in our nation's history. It's an investment that's expected to create or save more than 700,000 jobs across America: jobs manufacturing advanced batteries for more efficient vehicles, upgrading the power grid so that it's smarter and stronger, and doubling our nation's capacity to generate renewable electricity from sources like the wind and the sun.

Just a few months after taking office, I also gathered the leaders of the world's largest automakers, the heads of labor unions, environmental advocates, and public officials from California and across the country to reach an historic agreement to raise fuel economy standards in cars and trucks. Tomorrow, after decades in which we have done little to increase auto efficiency, those new standards will be finalized, which will reduce our dependence on oil while helping folks spend a little less at the pump. So my administration is upholding its end of the deal, and we expect all parties to do the same. I'd also point out: this rule will not only save drivers money; it will save 1.8 billion barrels of oil. That's like taking 58 million cars off the road for an entire year.

Today, we're also going one step further. In order to save energy and taxpayer dollars, my administration – led by Secretary Chu at Energy and Administrator Johnson at GSA – is doubling the number of hybrid vehicles in the federal fleet, even as we seek to reduce the number of cars and trucks used by our government overall. We're going to lead by example and practice what we preach: cutting waste, saving energy, and reducing our reliance on foreign oil.

But we have to do more. We need to make continued investments in clean coal technologies and advanced biofuels. A few weeks ago, I announced loan guarantees to break ground on America's first new nuclear facility in three decades, a project that will create thousands of jobs. And in the short term, as we transition to cleaner energy sources, we'll have to make tough decisions about opening new offshore areas for oil and gas development in ways that protect communities and coastlines.

This is not a decision that I've made lightly. It's one Ken and I – as well as Carol Browner, my energy advisor in the White House, and others in my administration – looked at closely for more than a year. But the bottom line is this: given our energy needs, in order to sustain economic growth, produce jobs, and keep our businesses

competitive, we're going to need to harness traditional sources of fuel even as we ramp up production of new sources of renewable, homegrown energy.

So today we're announcing the expansion of offshore oil and gas exploration – but in ways that balance the need to harness domestic energy resources and the need to protect America's natural resources. Under the leadership of Secretary Salazar, we'll employ new technologies that reduce the impact of oil exploration. We'll protect areas vital to tourism, the environment, and our national security. And we'll be guided not by political ideology, but by scientific evidence. That's why my administration will consider potential new areas for development in the mid and south Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, while studying and protecting sensitive areas in the Arctic. That's why we'll continue to support development of leased areas off the North Slope of Alaska, while protecting Alaska's Bristol Bay.

There will be those who strongly disagree with this decision, including those who say we should not open any new areas to drilling. But what I want to emphasize is that this announcement is part of a broader strategy that will move us from an economy that runs on fossil fuels and foreign oil to one that relies more on homegrown fuels and clean energy. And the only way this transition will succeed is if it strengthens our economy in the short term and long term. To fail to recognize this reality would be a mistake.

On the other side, there will be those who argue that we do not go nearly far enough; who suggest we open all of our waters to energy exploration without any restriction or regard for the broader environmental and economic impact. They'd deny the fact that with less than 2 percent of oil reserves, but more than 20 percent of world consumption, drilling alone cannot come close to meeting our long-term energy needs, and that for the sake of the planet and our energy independence, we need to begin the transition to cleaner fuels now.

Ultimately, we need to move beyond the tired debates between right and left, between business leaders and environmentalists, between those who would claim drilling is a cure all and those who would claim it has no place. Because this issue is just too important to allow our progress to languish while we fight the same old battles over and over again.

For decades we've talked about how our dependence on fossil fuels threatens our economy – yet our will to act rises and falls with the price of a barrel of oil. For decades we've talked about the threat to future generations posed by our current system of energy – even as we can see the mounting evidence of climate change from the Arctic Circle to the Gulf Coast. And for decades, we've talked about the risks to our security created by our dependence on foreign oil – even as that dependence has grown year after year after year.

And while our politics has remained entrenched along worn divides, the ground has shifted beneath our feet. Around the world, countries are seeking an edge in the global marketplace by investing in new ways of producing and saving energy. From China to Germany, these nations recognize that the country that leads the clean energy economy will be the country that leads the global economy. Meanwhile, here at home, as politicians in Washington debate endlessly whether to act, our own military has determined that we can't afford not to.

If there was any doubt about that, you need only look to the F-18 fighter and the light armored vehicle behind me. The Army and Marine Corps have been testing this vehicle on a mixture of biofuels. And this Navy fighter jet - called the Green Hornet - will be flown for the first time in just a few weeks, on Earth Day. If tests go as planned, it will be the first plane ever to fly faster than the speed of sound on a fuel mix that's half biomass. The Air Force is also testing jet engines using biofuels and had the first successful biofuel-powered test flight just last week. Though I don't want to drum up any kind of rivalry.

Now, the Pentagon isn't seeking these alternative fuels just to protect our environment; they are pursuing these homegrown energy sources to protect our national security. Our military leaders recognize the security imperative of increasing the use of alternative fuels, decreasing energy use, and reducing our reliance on imported oil. That's why the Navy, led by Secretary Mabus who is here today, has set a goal of using 50-percent alternative fuel in all planes, vehicles, and ships in the next ten years. And that's why the Defense Department has invested \$2.7 billion this year alone to improve energy efficiency.

Moving toward clean energy is about our security. It's about our economy. And it's about the future of our planet. And what I hope is that the policies we've laid out - from hybrid fleets to offshore drilling, from nuclear energy to wind energy - underscore the seriousness with which my administration takes this challenge. It's a challenge that requires us to think and act anew.

So I am open to proposals from my Democratic and Republican friends. I believe we can move beyond the broken politics of the past. And I know that we can come together to pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation that will foster new industries and millions of new jobs protecting our planet and helping us become more energy independent. That's what we can do. That's what we must do. And I am confident that that is what we will do.

Thank you.

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Subject Meeting with Steve Leer, Chairman and CEO of Arch Coal, Inc.

Meeting

Date 04/20/2010

Time 11:00:00 AM to 11:30:00 AM

Chair Daniel Gerasimowicz

Invitees

Required

Optional

FYI

Location Administrator's Office

Ct: Johnna Huggins (Assistant to Mr. Leer) (b) (6) Privacy

Staff:

Bob Sussman (OA)
Shawn Garvin (R3)
Scott Fulton (OGC)

Attendees:

Mr. Steve Leer, Chairman and CEO of Arch Coal, Inc.

Mr. Robert W. Shanks, President Eastern Operations Arch Coal, Inc.

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Curt Spalding/R1/USEPA/US

03/31/2010 01:19 PM

To Richard Windsor

cc Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson

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Subject Flood in Rhode Island

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Subject Re: Flood in Rhode Island

Thanks for the update and let us know if there is anything you need from us. I am looping in OPA so they know what is going on.
Diane

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04/01/2010 09:00 AM

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Subject Fw: News Release (Region 6): EPA Disapproves Air Permitting Exemption Program in Texas

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Subject: Re: News Release (Region 6): EPA Disapproves Air Permitting Exemption Program in Texas

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So much work has lead up to the next 90 days.

It's going to feel good to now go final on so many issues.

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Al

From: Allyn Brooks-LaSure
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You're my hero.

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EPA Disapproves Air Permitting Exemption Program in Texas

(Dallas, Texas – March 31, 2010) Today, EPA disapproved the Qualified Facilities exemption rule that TCEQ had submitted for inclusion in its federally approved State Implementation Plan. The rule allows companies that have Texas issued air permits to avoid certain federal clean-air requirements including public review when they modify their plants. EPA has determined that this regulation does not meet several federal Clean Air Act requirements.

“Today’s action improves transparency by requiring companies that modify their operations to notify the public and will assure that all air emitting sources are properly permitted under the Clean Air Act,” said Al Armendariz, Regional Administrator.

“Improved public review will better inform our communities about the environmental conditions where they live.”

The Clean Air Act ensures that businesses across the country operate efficiently and cleanly. Under the Act, all states must develop plans for meeting federal requirements to protect public health, including an air permitting program. Since EPA approved Texas’ major clean-air permitting plan in 1992, the state has submitted over 30 regulatory changes to the EPA approved plan. Today’s action represents final agency decision on one of those regulatory changes.

In September 2009, EPA issued a Federal Register Notice proposing to disapprove the TCEQ’s Qualified Facilities Program and invited public comment. EPA has completed its careful review of comments and is now issuing its final decision.

EPA has been meeting with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, industry representatives, and environmental groups to discuss deficiencies with air emission permits issued by the state agency to industry in the state. These discussions have led to Texas proposing new rules used to issue permits.

EPA intends to work with the state and interested parties as air quality permits are transitioned in a gradual and structured manner to be consistent with state and federal law. EPA is committed to a close partnership with industry, environmental organizations, and community leaders as we work with the state to update the state-issued permits.

In July 2009, EPA and Business Coalition for Clean Air (BCCA) Appeal Group, Texas Association of Business, and Texas Oil and Gas Association reached an agreement regarding the timing of federal review of regulatory changes to Texas’ air permitting program. EPA is likely to issue final decisions on two additional changes--the Flexible Permits Program and New Source Review Reform regulations—before the end of the year.

More about activities in EPA Region 6: <http://www.epa.gov/region6>

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To Adora Andy
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Subject Re: NYTIMES: E.P.A. to Limit Water Pollution From Mining

They used the Money line! :)
Adora Andy

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Sent: 04/02/2010 01:04 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: Seth Oster; Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Subject: NYTIMES: E.P.A. to Limit Water Pollution From Mining

April 1, 2010

E.P.A. to Limit Water Pollution From Mining

By [TOM ZELLER Jr.](#)

The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) issued tough new water quality guidelines on Thursday that could curtail some of the most contentious [coal](#) mining techniques used across Appalachia.

In announcing the guidelines, [Lisa P. Jackson](#), the agency's administrator, cited evolving science on the effects of mountaintop removal mining, an aggressive form of coal extraction that uses explosives and vast machinery to tear off hilltops to expose coal seams, dumping the resulting rubble into streams and valleys below. The goal of the new rules, Ms. Jackson said, is to prevent "significant and irreversible damage" to Appalachian watersheds.

"Let me be clear," Ms. Jackson said during a phone call with reporters. "This is not about ending coal mining. This is about ending coal mining pollution."

The most substantial effect of the new guidelines — which the agency will promulgate to regional offices that issue permits — will be to benchmark the permissible levels of mining runoff likely to be introduced into the waterways surrounding a proposed project. Operations that would result in levels roughly five times above normal would be considered too damaging.

Ms. Jackson suggested that one practical result of the guidelines would be to make it far more difficult for so-called valley fill operations, where layers of soil and rock are removed from mountaintops and piled in nearby valleys and streams, to receive permits.

Also on Thursday, the E.P.A. published a pair of scientific reports that supported the new guidelines and announced plans for a new Web-based clearinghouse that will track mining permits under review.

Environmental groups hailed the guidelines as long overdue and an important step in bringing science to bear on environmental policy.

“I think it’s a very good day for people in Appalachia,” said Jon Devine, a senior attorney with the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#). “E.P.A. is making clear that it is intending to follow the science when it issues permits.”

Mining industry representatives, however, said the guidelines threatened jobs in the region.

“America’s coal mining communities are deeply concerned by the impact of policy announced today by E.P.A. on coal mining permits, employment and economic activity throughout Appalachia,” Bruce Watzman, senior vice president for regulatory affairs at the [National Mining Association](#), said in an e-mailed statement.

“The policy was announced without the required transparency and opportunity for public comment that is afforded to policies of this magnitude,” Mr. Watzman added.

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Adora Andy/DC/USEPA/US

04/03/2010 12:43 PM

To "Richard Windsor", "Arvin Ganesan", "Bob Sussman"

cc "Seth Oster", "Allyn Brooks-LaSure", "Betsaida Alcantara"

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Subject Charleston Gazette (4-3) Arch Coal sues EPA over possible Spruce Mine veto

Fyi... We sent them the following agency statement, but the Gazette asked us very late yesterday apparently missed the deadline.

EPA has not yet seen Arch's recently filed challenge regarding the Spruce No. Mine. We are confident, however, that EPA's actions regarding the Spruce mine are fully consistent with the Agency's authority to protect the environment, public health, and water quality under the Clean Water Act.

Roy Seneca

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By Staff, wire reports

CHARLESTON, W.Va. -- Mining giant Arch Coal Inc. fired back at the Obama administration Friday, filing suit against the government in one federal court and filing a strongly worded brief in another to protest the potential veto of the largest mountaintop-removal coal-mining permit in West Virginia history.

St. Louis-based Arch argues in the federal lawsuit filed in Washington, D.C., that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency doesn't have the authority to revoke a Clean Water Act permit once it has been issued.

EPA has consistently raised significant questions about the Spruce Mine's potential impacts for years, but only last fall under the Obama administration actually took the rare step of trying to veto a corps' dredge-and-fill permit approval.

Environmental groups have been trying to stop the Spruce Mine since 1998, when it was proposed as a 3,113-acre extension of Arch's Dal-Tex Mine that would bury more than 10 miles of streams in the Pigeonroost Hollow area near Blair.

U.S. District Judge Charles H. Haden II blocked the permit in 1999, putting more than 300 United Mine Workers members at Dal-Tex out of their jobs. Since then, Arch has transferred the permit to its nonunion arm and the Spruce Mine has undergone a much more detailed environmental impact study.

In January 2007, the corps issued a scaled-back version of the Spruce Mine, a 2,300-acre operation that would bury more than 7 miles of streams. Since then, the permit has been tied up in court, with Arch Coal operating on a limited scale with a few dozen workers.

The Clean Water Act gives EPA authority to prohibit dumping of waste into streams -- including "withdrawing the approval" for such dumping -- if the agency believes the dumping will have "unacceptable adverse effect" on water supplies, fisheries, wildlife or recreational areas.

But Arch's suit contends EPA can't take away a permit once it's issued, calling it "unlawful, arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion." Likewise, Arch argues the corps has determined it has no grounds for suspending the permit under its regulations.

"The EPA has left us with no other choice," Arch spokeswoman Kim Link said. "We plan to vigorously defend the validly issued Spruce permit by all legal means, starting with the complaint filed today in U.S. District Court."

The EPA had no immediate comment.

In its filing before Judge Chambers, Mingo Logan argued that continued delays in deciding the Spruce Mine case "will cause real economic harm to Arch and its current and future employees."

"Because of the stay in this court, 90 percent of the reserves at Spruce No. 1 remain in the ground," the company said. "Mingo Logan does not know when it will be able to mine those reserves, and without knowing when it will be able to mine, it is economically impractical for Mingo Logan to invest in additional infrastructure, equipment and personnel that would allow Mingo Logan to mine the coal from Spruce No. 1 more efficiently and at a lower cost per ton."

And in U.S. District Court in Huntington, lawyers for Arch's Mingo Logan subsidiary argued against a motion by the government seeking more time to allow the EPA to complete the formal process to veto the permit.

"Enough!" said the first line of the brief filed on behalf of Mingo Logan by Charleston lawyer Bob McLusky.

McLusky argued that federal officials have delayed long enough a decision by U.S. District Judge Robert C. Chambers on a request by Mingo Logan to throw out a citizen suit that seeks to block the Spruce Mine.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials approved the Spruce No. 1 Mine in Logan County three years ago. The permit has been tied up in court since then in a case brought by environmentalists who oppose the operation.

A week ago, EPA officials issued a proposed determination that starts a formal process for their agency to intervene and veto the corps-approved Clean Water Act permit.

The Spruce Mine has been at the heart of the mountaintop-removal battle since that fight began more than a decade ago, and all sides have been watching it closely for an indication of how strongly the Obama administration wants to force changes in the practice.

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04/07/2010 05:23 PM

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Subject Meeting with Senator Penny Wong

Meeting

Date 04/20/2010
Time 09:15:00 AM to 09:40:00 AM
Chair Daniel Gerasimowicz
Invitees
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Optional
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Location Bullet Room

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Diane Thompson, Robert Goulding (OA)

Attendees:

Senator Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change, Water and Energy Efficiency

Australian Ambassador Mr. Kim Beazley

Ms Kristina Hickey, Senior Adviser to Minister

Ms Louise Hand, Ambassador for Climate Change and First Assistant Secretary, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Ms Annemarie Watt, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bilateral Engagement and Sector Negotiation, International Division, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

Mr Bruce Wilson, General Manager, Environment, Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

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Mr Josh Meltzer, First Secretary (Trade) Embassy of Australia

*This meeting will continue until 10 AM and will be led by Shalini Vajjhala

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**Allyn
Brooks-LaSure/DC/USEPA/US**

04/08/2010 05:50 PM

To Richard Windsor, "Perciasepe, Bob", "Thompson, Diane",
"Sussman, Bob", "Stanislaus, Mathy", "Silva, Peter", "Fulton,
Scott"

cc "Oster, Seth", "Andy, Adora", "McIntosh, David", "Ganesan,
Arvin"

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Subject Fw: President Obama Presses for Answers on Mine Safety

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From: "White House Press Office" [whitehouse-lists-noreply@list.whitehouse.gov]
Sent: 04/08/2010 04:09 PM AST
To: Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Subject: President Obama Presses for Answers on Mine Safety

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 8, 2010

President Obama Presses for Answers on Mine Safety *Focus on Safety, Enforcement Effectiveness*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The President has tasked Federal mine safety officials to report next week on their initial assessment of the cause of the nation’s worst coal mining disaster in more than a quarter century, and what actions could prevent further tragedies in this industry.

The President will meet next week with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Mine Safety and Health Administrator Joe Main. He expects them to report on their early assessment of the deadly explosion’s cause, the safety record at the Upper Branch mine, and the steps that the Federal government should take to improve safety enforcement and prevent future tragedies. The Secretary and MSHA Administrator will address safety issues as well as enforcement and legal authorities in their briefing.

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Scott Fulton/DC/USEPA/US
04/12/2010 07:05 PM

To "Richard Windsor", "Bob Perciasepe", Gina McCarthy, "Lisa
Heinzerling", "Bob Sussman"

cc

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Subject Boiler MACT

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Scott Fulton/DC/USEPA/US
04/13/2010 07:48 AM

To Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe
cc Bob Sussman, Gina McCarthy, Lisa Heinzerling
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Subject Re: Boiler MACT

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Richard Windsor

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From: Richard Windsor
Sent: 04/12/2010 08:17 PM EDT
To: Bob Perciasepe
Cc: Bob Sussman; Gina McCarthy; Lisa Heinzerling; Scott Fulton
Subject: Re: Boiler MACT

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Bob Perciasepe

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From: Bob Perciasepe
Sent: 04/12/2010 08:04 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: Bob Sussman; Gina McCarthy; Lisa Heinzerling; Scott Fulton
Subject: Re: Boiler MACT

Thanks Scott, and thank any one on the team who was involved.

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Richard Windsor (b) (5) D.P., (b)(5) A/C, (b)(5) AWP ----- 04/12/2010 07:15:31 PM

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04/15/2010 11:30 AM

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April 15, 2010

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
ON MINE SAFETY

Rose Garden

10:39 A.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Good morning, everybody. On April 5th, the United States suffered the worst mine disaster in more than a generation. Twenty-nine lives were lost. Families have been devastated. Communities have been upended. And during this painful time, all of us are mourning with the people of Montcoal and Whitesville and Naoma and the Coal River Valley. The people of West Virginia are in our prayers.

But we owe them more than prayers. We owe them action. We owe them accountability. We owe them an assurance that when they go to work every day, when they enter that dark mine, they are not alone. They ought to know that behind them there is a

company that's doing what it takes to protect them, and a government that is looking out for their safety.

In the immediate aftermath of the tragedy, I asked the officials standing with me -- Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, and Joe Main and Kevin Stricklin with the Mine Safety and Health Administration -- to lead an investigation into what caused the explosion at Massey Energy Company's Upper Big Branch mine. I asked them to report back with preliminary findings this week.

We just concluded a meeting, where they briefed me on their investigation. I want to emphasize that this investigation is ongoing, and there's still a lot that we don't know. But we do know that this tragedy was triggered by a failure at the Upper Big Branch mine -- a failure first and foremost of management, but also a failure of oversight and a failure of laws so riddled with loopholes that they allow unsafe conditions to continue.

So today I've directed Secretary Solis, Assistant Secretary Main, and Administrator Stricklin to work closely with state mining officials to press ahead with this investigation -- so we can help make sure a disaster like this never happens again. Owners responsible for conditions in the Upper Big Branch mine should be held accountable for decisions they made and preventive measures they failed to take. And I've asked Secretary Solis to work with the Justice Department to ensure that every tool in the federal government is available in this investigation.

But this isn't just about a single mine. It's about all of our mines. The safety record at the Massey Upper Big Branch mine was troubling. And it's clear that while there are many responsible companies, far too many mines aren't doing enough to protect their workers' safety.

And that's why yesterday Governor Manchin announced that West Virginia miners will take this Friday off from coal production so they can mourn their loss, but also reevaluate safety procedures. He also called for additional inspections in West Virginia mines. The federal government is taking sweeping actions as well. Starting today, we'll go back and take another look at mines across this country with troubling safety records, and get inspectors into those mines immediately to ensure they aren't facing the same unsafe working conditions that led to this disaster.

Second, I've directed Secretary Solis, Assistant Secretary Main, and Administrator Stricklin to work with Congress to strengthen enforcement of existing laws and close loopholes that permit companies to shirk their responsibilities.

Stronger mine safety laws were passed in 2006 after the Sago mine disaster. But safety violators like Massey have still been able to find ways to put their bottom line before the safety of their workers -- filing endless appeals instead of paying fines and fixing safety problems.

To help ensure that mine companies no longer use a strategy of endless litigation to evade their responsibilities, we need to tackle the backlog of cases at the Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

And to help hold companies accountable, I've also asked Secretary Solis to streamline the rules for proving that a mining company has committed a pattern of violations -- so that we can empower the mine safety agency to take essential steps to keep miners safe. If a mining company consistently violates safety standards, they should be subjected to the tougher enforcement that comes with being placed on an updated Pattern of Violations list.

Third, we can't just hold mining companies accountable -- we need to hold Washington accountable. And that's why I want to review how our Mine Safety and Health Administration operates. For a long time, the mine safety agency was stacked with former mine executives and industry players. The industry [sic] is now run, I'm proud to say, by former miners and health safety experts like Joe Main and Kevin Stricklin. Even so, we need to take a hard look at our own practices and our own procedures to ensure that we're pursuing mine safety as relentlessly as we responsibly can. In addition, we need to make sure that miners themselves, and not just the government or mine operators, are empowered to report any safety violations.

I think we all understand that underground coal mining is, by its very nature, dangerous. Every miner and every mining family understands this. But we know what can cause mine explosions, and we know how to prevent them. I refuse to accept any number of miner deaths as simply a cost of doing business. We can't eliminate chance completely from mining any more than we can from life itself. But if a tragedy can be prevented, it must be prevented. That's the responsibility of mine operators. That's the responsibility of government. And that is the responsibility that we're all going to have to work together to meet in the weeks and months to come.

Thank you very much, everybody.

END

10:46 A.M. EDT

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Scott Fulton/DC/USEPA/US
04/16/2010 08:21 AM

To Lisa Heinzerling, Bob Sussman, Gina McCarthy, Janet McCabe, Avi Garbow, Paul Anastas
cc Bob Perciasepe, Diane Thompson, Richard Windsor
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Subject Re: HCl health Threshold

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Lisa Heinzerling

----- Original Message -----

From: Lisa Heinzerling
Sent: 04/16/2010 07:52 AM EDT
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Cc: Bob Perciasepe; Diane Thompson; Richard Windsor
Subject: Re: HCl health Threshold

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I look forward to our discussion tomorrow morning. Please circulate to others who will be at our meeting.

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**Diane
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04/17/2010 12:40 PM

To Seth Oster, Barbara Bennett
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Subject Re: NYSE Euronext and the Yale Chief Executive Leadership
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Seth

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Thank you. Great comments (b) (5) D.P.

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cc "Betsaida Alcantara", "Brendan Gilfillan", Michael Moats, Vicki Ekstrom, Alisha Johnson
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Subject Re: WSJ: Why the Clean Air Act May Be Past Its Prime

I agree. I would suggest we discuss this offline tomorrow morning.
Bob Perciasepe

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April 17, 2010

Why the Clean Air Act May Be Past Its Prime

Challenges such as global warming are beyond the scope of the law, they argue—and even some experts who think the law is beneficial complain that the Environmental Protection Agency could implement it more effectively.

By Stephen Power

Is the venerable Clean Air Act of 1970 up to addressing the pollution problems of the 21st century?

Since it was implemented some 40 years ago, the law, which required the government to identify and set standards for pollutants identified as harmful to human health and the environment, has drastically curbed pollution from industry and automobiles. But as regulators use it to address a more ambitious agenda—dealing with greenhouse-gas emissions that many scientists say contribute to global warming—longstanding problems with the law are being put into focus.

Some critics argue that an old complaint about the law—regulators don't have to consider costs when setting pollution standards—is all the more urgent when facing a problem as broad as global warming. Even some experts who think the law is beneficial say its implementation has been overly expensive: Because the law is so rigid, they argue, innovative pollution-fighting ideas are sometimes stifled, driving up costs.

"The Clean Air Act has been very effective, but it's not been cost-effective," says Dallas Burtraw, an economist with Resources for the Future, a nonpartisan Washington think tank.

Other critics say the law has a big blind spot: It gives the Environmental Protection Agency too little authority to combat pollution from one state that drifts into another—even though studies show that air quality in a given area can be affected by pollutants from a different region, nation or continent.

A Global Challenge

Over the years, the Clean Air Act has been credited by its supporters with reducing emissions of toxic lead, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide, and raising consciousness among ordinary Americans about the importance of pollution control. The question of whether 1970s-era environmental laws are suited to today's problems is gaining urgency as the Obama administration moves to tackle climate change through its powers under the act.

Business groups and critics in Congress say that the measure wasn't designed to address global warming, and that the law's provisions will lead to regulations that wind up stifling growth and killing jobs.

The Obama administration says the effects of greenhouse gases compel action, as does a 2007 Supreme Court decision. The court found that the Clean Air Act authorizes the EPA to regulate greenhouse-gas emissions if the agency determines they cause or contribute to air pollution that may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Moreover, administration officials say, the EPA has the authority to tweak the thresholds, so as to regulate only big emitters, such as power plants and refineries, and minimize the economic costs.

The EPA hasn't said how much it expects new controls on greenhouse-gas emissions would cost the economy. But in a recent speech, the EPA's administrator, Lisa Jackson, noted that dire predictions about the Clean Air Act's implementation have often been wrong. Auto makers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce howled when the EPA mandated unleaded gasoline and catalytic converters 30 years ago, Ms. Jackson said. "Yet the auto industry survived," and later studies estimated the rule produced health benefits of \$17 billion per year, she added.

For another measure, a 2004 study by the National Research Council of the National Academies—the nation's top scientific-advisory group—concluded that the act's implementation "has had and will probably continue to have substantial net economic benefits."

Hard to Meet

At the same time, though, the report criticized the EPA's implementation of the act, saying it has been overly bureaucratic, with a focus on process rather than results. While the law's benefits outweigh its

costs, the report argued, the costs have been higher than necessary.

Under the law, the EPA sets air-quality standards and requires states to submit plans laying out how they'll meet those standards. States that don't submit plans risk losing federal highway dollars. But because the law calls for separate standards for different pollutants, the EPA tends to approach pollution problems in piecemeal fashion, even though some, such as ozone and particulate matter, are caused by the same sources and could be controlled with related technologies.

According to the National Research Council report, states and cities spend "extensive amounts" of time and money on "a legalistic, and often frustrating, proposal and review process" that "discourages innovation and experimentation," overtaxes budgets, and diverts time and money from "the more germane issues" of actually meeting air-quality standards.

Mr. Burtraw, who served on the NRC panel, cites efforts to improve air quality by reducing emissions of ammonia and methane from animal feedlots. Technology exists that could allow feedlot operators to enclose manure piles and capture the ammonia and methane they generate, while providing biogas to allow the feedlots to produce their own electricity. Capturing the ammonia would reduce fine particulates that cause respiratory problems, and reduce odor.

But doing so also would release small amounts of nitrogen oxide that contribute to ozone. Clean Air Act-directed controls on ozone tend to discourage permitting of electricity generation at animal feedlots. As a result, Mr. Burtraw says, the conversion and cleanup of animal-feedlot operations is undermined and made more expensive.

EPA officials say they are working with states and cities to reduce some of the burdens associated with implementing the law while still improving air quality. "We're continually looking for innovative approaches that will help states and EPA to minimize procedural issues and maximize health and environmental protections," the agency said in a written statement.

The Wrong Emphasis?

Many state and local governments, meanwhile, grumble about another aspect of the law: Even when they ratchet down emissions in their backyard, they say, they still wind up violating federal standards, because of pollution that blows from other jurisdictions. Michael Morris, director of transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, estimates that roughly half the air pollution responsible for ozone in his region actually comes from power plants, refineries and other facilities located in jurisdictions beyond his members' control.

The EPA has moved to address such criticisms. In 2004, the agency announced a new regulation that attempted to control power-plant pollution that drifts across state lines. In 2008, however, a federal appeals court struck down the rule. The EPA is at work on a new rule, expected to be unveiled in the coming weeks. But it's not clear whether the new regulation will satisfy the court. The Senate is considering a measure that would give the EPA broader authority to crack down on interstate pollution. But the bill's fate is highly uncertain, partly because of lawmakers' preoccupation with other issues—including whether to pass separate legislation aimed at controlling greenhouse-gas emissions.

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Subject Energy Star

The full story is below. It's worth a quick read.

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Seth

Electronics Industry Urges EPA To Lift Suspension Of Energy Star Certifications

The Consumer Electronics Association (CEA) has joined with major retailer organizations in urgently requesting that EPA reverse its decision to suspend online certification of Energy Star products while it addresses concerns about fraud and abuse of the program, a request that industry is also making to the Department of Energy (DOE) and the White House.

The push is the latest development in a high-stakes controversy over the Energy Star program, including congressional charges of mismanagement, which could reshape federal policies to encourage energy efficiency as a way to meet environmental goals.

[In an April 5 letter](#) to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, and copied to Energy Secretary Steven Chu and White House climate energy policy director Carol Browner, CEA -- representing more than 2,000 companies as diverse as Google, General Electric Appliances, and Wal-Mart -- and the retailers say the Energy Star certification suspension will place "onerous and unreasonable burdens and delays" on industry's energy efficient product lines.

The letter follows EPA's [March 30 announcement](#) to Energy Star stakeholders that it was suspending Energy Star's online product submittal (OPS) system as part of its response to a scathing March 26 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report that concluded Energy Star product certification was subject to "fraud and abuse."

EPA also announced a number of other changes to the product certification program April 14, in response to the GAO findings, including immediately requiring manufacturers to submit complete lab reports to EPA for review prior to using the Energy Star label, revoking the

automated approval process that allowed GAO to win certification for bogus products including a gasoline-powered alarm clock.

This and other new mandates are in addition to changes to accelerate steps that EPA and DOE have instituted over the past several months to boost test requirements in response to criticism by GAO, the EPA Inspector General and others ([see related story](#)).

The newest changes publicly announced this week were first addressed in [an April 2 memo](#) from EPA air chief Regina McCarthy and Assistant DOE Secretary Cathy Zoi to Jackson and Chu addressing the GAO's findings. "Unfortunately, a recently released GAO report has provided some compelling evidence that the measures we have in place to protect the value of the Energy Star label are simply insufficient," the memo says. It adds a "rapid, 180-degree shift in the way manufacturers apply for, earn and keep the Energy Star label" is needed.

The memo ordered a temporary shutdown of the OPS system, noting it will only be reopened "after the product review process has been strengthened."

However, the consumer electronics industry says the shutdown will result in "barring the introduction of the newest, most energy efficient products, while penalizing manufacturers who choose to promote the Energy Star program," according to the letter sent by CEA, the Consumer Electronics Retailer Coalition and the Retail Industry Leaders Association.

The letter also underscores that the consumer electronics industry comprised 59 percent of the energy savings achieved by the Energy Star program for residential products in 2008, citing EPA's most recent annual data. "Energy Star qualification for a new product is customarily received while the product is well into its manufacture and shipping cycle," the letter states. "EPA's sudden decision to halt all new product registrations could therefore require removal of Energy Star labels from products, packaging and instruction manuals. Such removal is virtually impossible once products have left their point of manufacture. Indeed, some products have the Energy Star label indelibly etched into the product's bezel or casing."

CEA argues that EPA should not have suspended its certification system as a result of the GAO's findings on program fraud and abuses. "We believe that EPA's actions are disproportionate to the potential concerns identified by the [GAO]," the industry letter says. Instead, CEA and the retailer groups offer recommendations for alternative ways EPA could have responded to the report, rather than an "absolute ban on new product registrations," including awarding the label to products in the certification process, as well products still in production but not yet registered.

The industry groups also ask EPA to begin a dialogue with manufacturers and other partners on ways to ensure the integrity of Energy Star compliance "without causing undue disruption to commerce."

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What is sometimes less noticed is that those actions were about more than environmental protection. They also represented an economic philosophy, a belief that American industries could continue to expand and innovate without jeopardizing our health and welfare. And it worked. Despite the overheated rhetoric we often hear today about runaway environmental regulations killing jobs, our history is one of healthier families, cleaner communities – and, yes, job-creating innovation and a stronger America.

Forty years of environmental action have meant cleaner air in our cities and safe water in our homes. These changes have made our communities healthier, reducing exposure to pollution that causes cancer, heart disease and respiratory illness – three of the top four deadliest conditions in our country. And they've made our economy stronger by giving cities and towns what they need to attract new residents and new jobs.

But let's note what also took place during those same four decades of environmental progress.

We have seen the rise of a world-leading environmental technology industry. In 2007 environmental firms and small businesses in the US generated \$282 billion in revenues and \$40 billion in exports, and supported 1.6 million American jobs. That number doesn't include all the engineers and professional services firms that support those businesses.

This industry has also created cutting-edge innovations and technologies to meet new environmental and health standards. One powerful example is the catalytic converter. When EPA used the Clean Air Act to phase in unleaded gas and catalytic converters in the early seventies, major automakers fought it. The Chamber of Commerce claimed "entire industries might collapse" as a result. But today, lead pollution in our air is 92 percent lower than it was in 1980. Emissions of dangerous air pollutants that cause smog, acid rain, and more have been cut by more than half. And in the same period, our gross domestic product grew by 126 percent. Rather than hurting the economy, American innovators and entrepreneurs found ways to produce and sell more cars without increasing pollution that threatened our cities and caused costly and often deadly health problems for Americans.

At a time of historic economic difficulty, the Obama administration has sought out similar opportunities to improve our economy by protecting our environment. In a groundbreaking step in our work against climate change, President Obama formed an alliance with American automakers to set aggressive emissions standards for American cars and light trucks. The next generation of clean cars will protect our health and environment and keep almost a billion tons of carbon pollution out of our skies. At the same time, they will American drivers and reduce our dependence on foreign oil by billions of dollars.

Notwithstanding periods of difficulty, the last 40 years have seen steady improvements in the health of both our environment and our economy. Progress on both fronts has been driven by smart environmental policies that keep us healthy, strengthen our communities, and foster industry innovation. Looking ahead to the next 40 years, it is clear we must continue on the same path. Sustainability and planetary stewardship must be part of the economic growth that is reaching more and more people around the world every day. Without protections for the water, air and land that communities depend on, our economic horizons are limited. Without innovations like clean energy and energy efficiency, the global economy will be running on empty within our lifetimes.

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Subject Re: Something that will be tricky next week

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To windsor.richard

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Subject Tomorrow Night's GW Event

I'm sorry about the apparent miscommunications on the event tomorrow at George Washington University that I arranged for you.

I've been wanting to get you involved at GW in some way. (b) (5) D.P.

The School of Media and Public Affairs is now chaired by Frank Sesno, the former CNN anchor, and he's formed an effort called Planet Forward (www.planetforward.org) that has drawn a lot of high-profile figures and fostered efforts among the college-age population to reduce our carbon footprint (b) (5) D.P.

She may have thought I was checking with you in more detail, while I thought she was doing that on her end. My bad.

(b) (5) D.P.

In any event, I know you'll be tired -- sorry again -- but I'll make sure you're covered on getting out as quickly as possible.

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To Richard Windsor

cc David McIntosh

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Subject Fw: conversation with Bob Semple

Administrator -- I've confirmed your meeting with Bob Semple in NY next Monday after the taping of the "Daily Show" and he is helping to shepherd the oped we submitted for Earth Day through the channels over there. To round it out, he asked to speak with David on general issues surrounding climate and David provided a report of the conversation, which I wanted to share with you.

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I just finished speaking to Bob Semple for about 25 minutes. (b) (5) D.P.



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To Richard Windsor

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Subject Re: Fw: Google Alert - lisa jackson epa

Yes, he and I talked at length today and yesterday (b) (5) D.P.

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Richard Windsor Are you sure he understands the topic... 04/20/2010 05:01:29 PM

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Are you sure he understands the topic? Tx.

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[Frank Sesno Watch Interview with EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson ...](#)

Time to Act? What's Next for Climate Policy With Special Guest: **Lisa Jackson**.
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To Richard Windsor

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Subject Fw: Top Blog Posts for Tues., April 20 - 7:30 pm

Some of the running commentary while you were at GW.

MABL.

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Suzanne Ackerman

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Cc: Janice Sinclair
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Lisa Jackson

[@LisaPJackson](#) stands up for the environmental movement against Breakthrough -esque concern trolling. Just awesome.

Posted by: [drgrist](#): 7:52 pm Full post:

Funny American Idol joke from [@LisaPJackson](#)! Lord I love this woman.

Posted by: [drgrist](#): 7:45 pm Full post:

Message to [#Obama](#), [@whitehouse](#): put [@lisapjackson](#) on road (with Stephen Chu as opening act) and you will win ...

Posted by: [jisham](#): 7:50 pm Full post:

[@LisaPJackson](#) wants to bring more people into the conversation of climate - I like it!

Posted by: [angelaishere](#): 7:33 pm Full post:

[@LisaPJackson](#): When I look out at an audience of young people, I know this is coming.

Posted by: [Consequence09](#): 7:30 pm Full post:

[@LisaPJackson](#): "I think we're looking at a future where we'll be sued. That's not unusual for the EPA"

Posted by: [climatebrad](#): 7:25 pm Full post:

Q: You prepared to shut down coal? [@LisaPJackson](#) "I'm prepared to do my job. I'm prepared to enforce the law"

Posted by: [Consequence09](#): 7:20 pm Full post:

NYC - Join us in Harlem on Earth Day w/ actor Anthony Mackie, EPA's Lisa Jackson, for a community garden planting!

Posted by: [greenforall](#): 7:15 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/bAZY7d>

Earth Day

Earth Day, April 22, 2010 | US EPA

Posted by: [ekologica](#) 7:30 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/aa5p8t>

USA earth day. More relevant with Icelandic ash causing chaos .

Posted by: [singlemumsmoney](#): 6:15 pm Full post: <http://www.epa.gov/earthday/>

Watch Earth Day Live on 4/21 at 3:30 p.m. EDT and ask YOUR questions to a team of EPA experts at

Posted by: [EuropeTechCom](#): 4:25 pm Full post: <http://fbcfn.net/energystar>

The 40th anniversary of earth day is this Thursday , April 22nd. To find out how little things can mean a lot, go to www.epa.gov/earthday.

Posted by: [SuziQZ](#): 4:25 pm Full post: <http://www.epa.gov/earthday>

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To Richard Windsor
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Subject Fw: Agriculture News Advisory (HQ): April 24 and 25: EPA Celebrates 40th Earth Day with Events on the National Mall

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From: U.S. EPA <usaepa@govdelivery.com>

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 22, 2010

April 24 and 25: EPA Celebrates 40th Earth Day with Events on the National Mall

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold free events for the public on the National Mall this weekend to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. The events will feature interactive, fun and educational exhibits related to environmental protection. Administrator Lisa P. Jackson will be at the EPA Earth Day tent on Saturday between 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Senior EPA officials will also be in attendance.

The exhibits will include an environmental crime scene forensics demonstration, cutting edge automotive technology, climate change habitat loss exhibits, environmental videos, an interactive kids booth about environmental hazards, backyard composting demonstrations, a Chesapeake Bay water model, and live mascots teaching kids about recycling and protecting nature, and others.

EPA will also be showcasing the creative efforts of more than 40 college teams and their design solutions to sustainability challenges around the world. The participants of the exhibit will compete for a \$75,000

prize as part of EPA's National Sustainable Design Expo and P3 (People, Prosperity, and the Planet) competition. The expo highlights designs that address alternative energy technologies; collection, purification and distribution of water; agricultural practices to reduce pesticide run-off; new technologies for green buildings and other innovative approaches to improve society's sustainability.

In addition to EPA's events, Earth Day Network will be sponsoring a free concert on Sunday, April 25th with Sting, John Legend, The Roots, Bob Weir, Patrick Stump, Mavis Staples, Passion Pit, Q-Tip, Booker T and more. Also attending will be the Reverend Jesse Jackson, director James Cameron, and author Margaret Atwood. Administrator Jackson will be introducing John Legend at the Earth Day Network concert on Sunday afternoon.

WHO: EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson
Senior EPA officials from the agency's various programs

WHAT: EPA's 40th Anniversary Earth Day Celebration
EPA's 6th Annual National Sustainable Design Expo featuring EPA's People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Exhibits

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE: National Mall, 4th to 7th Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.
(Closest metro stops include Federal Center S.W. on the Orange and Blue lines and L'Enfant Plaza Station Metro)

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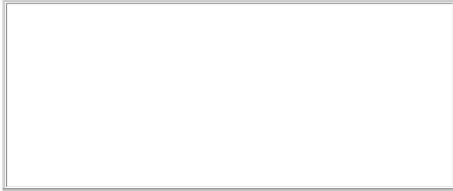
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Republicans are holding fire and reserving comment on just-introduced bills to overhaul the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and are working with Democrats on bipartisan talks over reforming federal toxics law, with one industry source saying the GOP has nothing to gain by attacking the bills at a "premature date."

Industry has raised early concerns about TSCA reform legislation introduced this month by Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and a House discussion draft bill floated by Reps. Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Bobby Rush (D-IL), warning the bill's safety standards could be impossible to meet and could stymie innovation.

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The industry source says that the GOP may be holding its fire on the TSCA reform bills because it can only be seen to say "no" on a certain number of issues, and has already done so on climate, health care and financial legislation. "How many things can you go negative on at one time?" the source asks.

Further, because industry groups support the need for some sort of TSCA reform, "there would be no payday for Republicans at this point" to criticize the bill. Industry has also only recently started analyzing the Senate bill and House discussion draft and have yet to communicate their analysis to lawmakers, the source says.

House lawmakers are already holding a series of stakeholder meetings continuing through May on the lower chamber's bill, beginning April 19 with a session on data development and testing. The industry source says the first meeting was "good" and says House Democrats are "listening" to stakeholders.

The broad efforts to reach out to industry and the GOP on the bills could help Lautenberg in his expressed desire to use his introduced bill as “an invitation for all to play a part” in TSCA reform. Lautenberg said at a March 9 Senate Environment & Public Works Committee (EPW) hearing, “I look forward to working with Senators on both sides of the aisle to refine the bill so it makes our environment cleaner, our children healthier and our economy stronger.”

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson -- a proponent of TSCA reform to strengthen EPA’s authority to regulate new and existing chemicals -- has also said she would prefer a bipartisan approach to the legislation.

Jackson Statements

At an April 20 event at George Washington University in Washington, DC, Jackson said of TSCA reform, “I think that there will be real momentum -- again, I hope bipartisan -- behind the idea that in this day and age, in the year 2010, we have a right to expect more control of chemicals. And that companies that want to import these chemicals or produce them do all the testing and get that data out and make it available publicly.”

Senate Republicans’ willingness to work with Lautenberg on his bill could provide some room for negotiation to incorporate key GOP principles for TSCA reform in chemicals management legislation.

Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), ranking member on EPW, in a Sept. 30 statement said that TSCA currently “protects human health and the environment.” However, Inhofe said he is “open to considering changes to the law, but only if those changes modernize chemical reviews, increase public understanding of the process, and strengthen protections for human health and the environment,” according to the senator’s statement.

Inhofe outlined “fundamental” principles for TSCA reform, that include: using data based on the best available risk-based science; including cost-benefit considerations for the private sector and consumers; protecting proprietary business information; prioritizing reviews for existing chemicals; not including any provision that encourages litigation or citizen suits; and not including any provision that “compels product substitution.”

“I look forward to working with EPA, stakeholders, and other lawmakers to ensure that any changes to TSCA follow these general principles,” Inhofe said.

While stakeholders are still reviewing the 100-plus page bills, industry has identified initial areas of concern. For example, on an April 15 conference call, Cal Dooley of the American Chemistry Council raised concerns about the safety standard in the Senate bill, while a key former EPA official has noted “bias” against new chemicals in the data requirements laid out in the bill that could stymie innovation ([see related story](#)).

At least one Senate Republican is also raising questions about whether innovation would be

stymied under the proposal. In an April 20 statement, Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) reiterated calls that reform be “based upon science and not emotion” and not stifle innovation. “We cannot adopt a bill that sets the bar so high that we prevent the development of the next life-saving chemical that can improve the lives of all Americans,” he said.

The industry source also questions the broad scope of TSCA reform, because the bills focus on the production process, as well as the content of a product. “The bill would regulate everything,” the source says, adding that the provisions could stir up the interest of other industry groups not engaged in the discussion, such as electronics and auto makers.

There are also questions about whether a bill could pass in the remaining congressional session, especially after EPA toxics chief Steve Owens recently said passage of TSCA reform this year is “unlikely”([see related story](#)).

The industry source says there could be a better chance for bipartisanship after the 2010 mid-term elections, because until then Democrats are “playing to their core” and the Republicans “have no reason to give Democrats a win.” Beyond the election, Republicans could be more inclined not to offer amendments “contrary to the basic thrust of the law,” as in the health care debate.

Richard Denison, of the Environmental Defense Fund, speaking at an April 16 American Law Institute-American Bar Association event in Washington, DC, said that the House’s aggressive schedule could lead to a bill this year, though with the bills introduced the debate will “enter the next Congress with an enormous head of steam.” -- *Aaron Lovell*

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To Richard Windsor
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Subject Re: Agriculture News Advisory (HQ): April 24 and 25: EPA Celebrates 40th Earth Day with Events on the National Mall

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From: Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov <Windsor.Richard@epamail.epa.gov>
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Sent: Thu Apr 22 13:11:44 2010
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Subject: Agriculture News Advisory (HQ): April 24 and 25: EPA Celebrates 40th Earth Day with Events on the National Mall

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 22, 2010

April 24 and 25: EPA Celebrates 40th Earth Day with Events on the National Mall

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold free events for the public on the National Mall this weekend to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. The events will feature interactive, fun and educational exhibits related to environmental protection. Administrator Lisa P. Jackson will be at the EPA Earth Day tent on Saturday between 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Senior EPA officials will also be in attendance.

The exhibits will include an environmental crime scene forensics demonstration, cutting edge automotive technology, climate change habitat loss exhibits, environmental videos, an interactive kids booth about environmental hazards, backyard composting demonstrations, a Chesapeake Bay water model, and live mascots teaching kids about recycling and protecting nature, and others.

EPA will also be showcasing the creative efforts of more than 40 college teams and their design solutions to sustainability challenges around the world. The participants of the exhibit will compete for a \$75,000 prize as part of EPA's National Sustainable Design Expo and P3 (People, Prosperity, and the Planet) competition. The expo highlights designs that address alternative energy technologies; collection, purification and distribution of water; agricultural practices to reduce pesticide run-off; new technologies for green buildings and other innovative approaches to improve society's sustainability.

In addition to EPA's events, Earth Day Network will be sponsoring a free concert on Sunday, April 25th with Sting, John Legend, The Roots, Bob Weir, Patrick Stump, Mavis Staples, Passion Pit, Q-Tip, Booker

T and more. Also attending will be the Reverend Jesse Jackson, director James Cameron, and author Margaret Atwood. Administrator Jackson will be introducing John Legend at the Earth Day Network concert on Sunday afternoon.

WHO: EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson
Senior EPA officials from the agency's various programs

WHAT: EPA's 40th Anniversary Earth Day Celebration
EPA's 6th Annual National Sustainable Design Expo featuring EPA's People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Exhibits

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE: National Mall, 4th to 7th Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C.
(Closest metro stops include Federal Center S.W. on the Orange and Blue lines and L'Enfant Plaza Station Metro)

More information on the celebration: <http://www.epa.gov/earthday>

More information on the expo and P3: <http://www.epa.gov/P3/>

Updates on EPA's Twitter account: <http://twitter.com/epalive>

Information on the Earth Day Network's concert: <http://earthday.org/climaterally>

EPA's 4th Annual eCycling Event

In addition to events on the National Mall, on Saturday, April 24th, EPA is sponsoring an eCycling event at the National Harbor. Area residents, organizations and small business owners can bring any make or model computer and related equipment, including monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, and mouse devices. EPA and partnering organizations will collect equipment at no cost, and recycle it in an environmentally safe manner.

Recycling electronics is something every American can do to protect the planet and to encourage the sustainable reuse of materials. More than 2 million tons of used electronics are disposed of annually that may contain toxics such as lead and mercury. Recyclers can recover more than 100 million pounds of materials from these electronics, including glass, steel, and plastic.

WHAT: EPA's 4th Annual eCycling Event

WHEN: Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

WHERE: The Plateau near National Harbor
Prince George's County, Md.

More information on the event: <http://www.epa.gov/oei/ecycling>

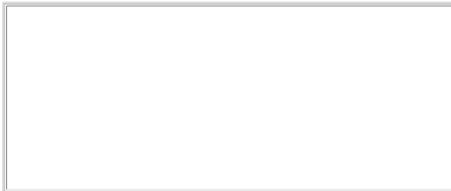
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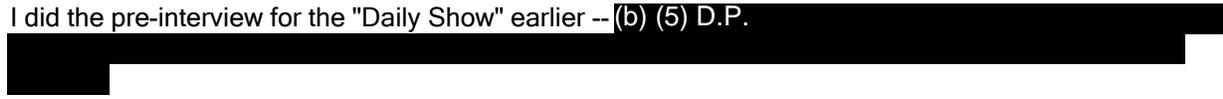
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Subject Kerry-Lieberman -- Jon Stewart Briefing

I did the pre-interview for the "Daily Show" earlier -- (b) (5) D.P.



What do you think?

Seth

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**David
McIntosh/DC/USEPA/US**
04/28/2010 01:02 PM

To windsor.richard
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Subject Fw: Modeling Specs

FYI. We just received the KGL (or now KL) modeling specs.
Allen Fawcett

----- Original Message -----

From: Allen Fawcett
Sent: 04/28/2010 01:00 PM EDT
To: David McIntosh
Subject: Re: Modeling Specs

David,

(b) (5) D.P.

Assuming we get the go ahead, I'll work on scheduling an interagency meeting for early next week.

Allen

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Date: 04/28/2010 12:53 PM
Subject: Modeling Specs

Allen,

Please use these modeling specs to model the Kerry-Graham-Lieberman comprehensive energy and climate bill. I have attached the modeling specs narrative as well as the allocation. I have not included the draft legislative text at this time because we are still working through small details. However, these changes will not affect the modeling and we are requesting that you model the bill based on these specs.

As you have questions and need clarification or additional information, please call or e-mail me and I will communicate the questions to the staffs to ensure a correct and consistent answer.

This modeling is absolutely imperative to our effort. I know that you all will do your

best work. Let's be in touch once you've had a chance to digest some of this. God speed.

David

David Risley
Office of Senator Joseph Lieberman
202-224-9849

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Scott Fulton/DC/USEPA/US
04/28/2010 05:00 PM

To Janet McCabe, Bob Sussman, Mathy Stanislaus, Richard Windsor, Bob Perciasepe, Lisa Heinzerling
cc Gina McCarthy, "Larry Elworth"
bcc

Subject Re: 112/129-DSW; CCR

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Janet McCabe

----- Original Message -----

From: Janet McCabe
Sent: 04/28/2010 03:48 PM EDT
To: Bob Sussman; Mathy Stanislaus; Richard Windsor; Bob Perciasepe; Lisa Heinzerling
Cc: Gina McCarthy; "Larry Elworth" <llelworth@agcenter.org>; Scott Fulton
Subject: Re: 112/129-DSW; CCR

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Bob Sussman

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Cc: Gina McCarthy; "Larry Elworth" <llelworth@agcenter.org>; Scott Fulton
Subject: Re: 112/129-DSW; CCR

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Mathy Stanislaus

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From: Mathy Stanislaus
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To Richard Windsor

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05/02/2010 11:58 AM

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Subject Fw: Sierra Club Says Reinstate Drilling Moratorium

MABL.

M. Allyn Brooks-LaSure
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Cell: 202-631-0415

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kristina Johnson, Sierra Club" [Kristina.Johnson@sierraclub.org]
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Subject: Sierra Club Says Reinstate Drilling Moratorium

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May 2, 2010

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Oil Catastrophe Worsens, President Heads to Gulf;
Sierra Club Calls for Drilling Moratorium, Aggressive Clean Energy Plan

New Orleans -- As the offshore drilling disaster in the Gulf spreads to nearly 4,000 square miles and President Obama heads to the Gulf Coast, the Sierra Club is calling on the President to ramp up response efforts, to reinstate a federal moratorium on new offshore drilling, and to prevent future disasters through an aggressive plan to wean America from dirty energy.

Statement of Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune

"Sadly, we are now witnessing one of the worst environmental disasters in American history. We commend the thousands of Americans who are working so hard to respond to the disaster. But we know that despite our best efforts, we will be dealing with the impacts of BP's drilling rig for decades to come.

"The federal government should continue to use every resource available to respond to this crisis. But we need more.

"We need assurance that this won't happen again. We need to restore the federal moratorium on drilling off America's most fragile coasts, immediately. Then we need to launch an aggressive plan to wean us from dirty oil over the next two decades.

"This is a turning point for America. The dirty oil and coal industries have had a stranglehold on our economy, our health, and our environment for too long. Better safety measures and better federal regulations may have prevented this disaster. But better regulations are not a failsafe way to prevent another, bigger oil spill. They are not an answer to the lopsided relationship between the oil industry and regular hardworking Americans.

"BP and other oil companies have been raking in billions of dollars in profits and standing in the way of clean energy initiatives that would create thousands of good, green jobs for Americans. Now we are all left to deal with the consequences of the oil industry's carelessness.

"The oil industry uses our oceans to ratchet up their profits, and then they leave us to clean up their mess. They leave us to comb the beaches looking for oil slicked birds. They leave us to worry about the small fisheries and coastal businesses that are now completely shut down. They leave us to worry about what their oil and toxic chemicals will do to our drinking water and health. We are tired of the oil industry polluting our air and water and standing in the way of clean energy jobs.

"Enough is enough."

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cc "Aaron Dickerson"

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Subject For cardin call and for call with nancy

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I'll be on the call and I'll talk about this at the 845, which I'll call into.

Aaron, can you print out for her book tomorrow?

Thanks.

Sent from my Blackberry Wireless Device
Gregory Peck

----- Original Message -----

From: Gregory Peck
Sent: 05/02/2010 03:52 PM EDT
To: ganesan.arvin@epa.gov
Cc: sussman.bob@epa.gov
Subject: Cardin

Arvin:

Let me know if you have any questions.

Greg

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To Richard Windsor

cc "Oster, Seth", "Woodka, Janet", "Andy, Adora", "Perciasepe,
Bob", "Thompson, Diane", "Anastas, Paul"

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Subject Fw: Statement By The Press Secretary on Today's BP Oil
Spill Response Meeting

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To: Allyn Brooks-LaSure
Subject: Statement By The Press Secretary on Today's BP Oil Spill Response Meeting

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 10, 2010

Statement By The Press Secretary on Today's BP Oil Spill Response Meeting

The Deepwater Horizon explosion and BP oil spill presents us with challenges on a number of fronts - from capping the flow at the well head and containing the spill on the ocean's surface, to controlling the impact of the oil on the coastal shoreline and on the precious wetlands and fisheries in the area. President Obama remains committed to bringing any and all available resources to the Gulf of Mexico. Earlier today the President met with a number of Cabinet members and senior staff in the White House Situation Room to review BP's efforts to stop the oil leak as well as to decide on next steps to ensure all is being done to contain the spread, mitigate the environmental impact and provide assistance to affected states, including individuals, businesses, and communities.

As we continue to evaluate different options to stop the flow of oil, the President impressed upon his team two things in the meeting today: first, the importance of engaging independent experts in the fields of science and technology; and, second,

bringing every perspective to the table to identify potential solutions.

The President was pleased to hear that some of Energy Secretary Chu's ideas have helped us better understand the dimensions of this serious problem and he asked Secretary Chu to lead a team of top administration officials and government scientists to Houston this week for an extensive dialogue with BP officials to continue to aggressively pursue potential solutions. Throughout the week, the President will continue to dispatch additional Cabinet officials to the region. As the President has made clear before, BP will be paying for all costs of stopping the spill and cleaning it up, and we will aggressively pursue full compensation for damages.

In addition, to deal more generally with the harms created by oil spills, the President has requested that we send legislation to Congress to toughen and update the law surrounding caps on damages.

Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to view pictures of today's meeting.

The principals participating in the meeting included:

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano
United States Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen (National Incident Commander for this event)
Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar
Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen
Department of Defense Secretary Robert Gates
White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel
Assistant to the President for Homeland Security John Brennan
National Security Advisor General Jim Jones
EPA Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe (Administrator Jackson is currently in Louisiana)
NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco
Associate Attorney General Tom Perrelli
Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change Carol Browner
OMB Director Peter Orszag
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Seth Oster/DC/USEPA/US

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To Richard Windsor

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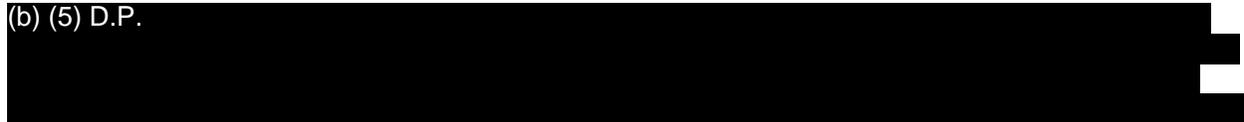
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Subject Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

(b) (5) D.P.


Bob -- let me know when you set your meeting and I will attend.

Seth

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Richard Windsor

Monday is too late. I would like to do t...

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 Date: 05/14/2010 08:34 AM
 Subject: Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

Monday is too late. I would like to do thisa today during my train trip back from NJ. Tx.

(b) (5) D.P.


Bob Sussman

----- Original Message -----

From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 05/14/2010 08:29 AM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
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Subject: Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI
 Am arranging a call with Shawn to talk this through on Monday and really want OPA, among others,

participating. (b) (5) D.P. [Redacted]

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
Office of the Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency

Richard Windsor (b) (5) D.P. 05/14/2010 08:21:42 AM

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Bob Sussman

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To: Richard Windsor; Bob Perciasepe
Subject: Fw: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

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Date: 05/13/2010 02:11 PM
Subject: Fw: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

Attached below is an announcement - "A Call to Arms" - from the WV Coal Association regarding the Spruce No. 1 hearing. (b) (5) D.P. [Redacted]

bill e.

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Date: 05/13/2010 10:09 AM

Subject: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI



The Washington DC Senate Hearing bus trip scheduled for May 18 has been cancelled.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing (registration begins at 5 p.m.; hearing begins at 6 p.m.)

**Charleston Civic Center (South Hall)
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Charleston, West Virginia 25301
304-345-1500**

The federal Environmental Protection Agency West Virginia's coal miners and our coal mining communities are under attack by the EPA. EPA has already issued a permit for Arch Coal in Logan County. EPA is holding two hearings on the same day (May 18th) for bills and actions that will do away with mining in West Virginia and take our jobs out of West Virginia coal teamed up to make it very difficult for our people to be represented at both places, one in Washington and the other in Charleston.

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Previous Statements



Documents

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2. Corps of Engineers Spruce Mine
3. Senate Concurrent Resolution regular session, un

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Questions About Spruce No. 1 Mine Public Hearing



Q: When and where is the Public Hearing for the Spruce No. 1 Surface Mine Proposed

4. [Letter from Senate regarding the Spruce](#)
5. [Statement from Coal Association regarding decision to revoke](#)
6. [Statement from Coal Association regarding Mine Permit](#)
7. [Chart from EPA—](#)

The Facts



- At full production the mine will employ 300 indirect and induce
- The jobs created by the mine will provide employment opportunities for \$70,000 annually with
- Total economic impact of the mine will be \$150 million annually.
- The Spruce operation is the largest in West Virginia or the Appalachian region.
- The permit is the most comprehensive in the history of the state.
- During the permit's 10-year history, production levels were 100 percent of the EPA -- for example, 100 percent and the fill placed in the mine will recoverable reserves of coal.
- The Spruce mine permit was issued in 2007 and the mine commenced and the industry has been in operation for over 10 years.
- EPA participated along with the industry during the permit's 10-year history company's efforts to re-examine the permit.
- If the EPA revokes the permit, the action has been taken and the industry has exercised that right.
- It is an unprecedented decision to revoke the permit and production, which would be a major blow to the industry.
- A decision by the EPA to revoke the permit over the validity of any permit in any industry -- not just coal -- would be a major blow to the industry.
- The EPA has continued to delay the permit ... It has had no respect for the industry should not delay any long-term project the EPA to pocket veto the permit.
- EPA's concerns regarding the permit in the State of West Virginia to be resolved. The EPA continues to disregard the industry agency has no respect for the industry sovereignty of the Legislative branch and standards.

Determination?

A: EPA Region 3 will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the Charleston Civic Center (South Hall) in Charleston, West Virginia.

Q: Where is the Civic Center located?

A: The Charleston Civic Center is located at 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, West Virginia. Their phone number is 304-345-1500.

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A: EPA is holding the public hearing to obtain public testimony or comment on EPA's proposed 404(c) action on the Spruce No. 1 Mine project.

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Q: How do I sign up?

A: To sign up go to <http://www.epa.gov/region3/mtn/top/spruce1hearing.html> and click on the link which reads "Registering ahead of time is recommended." You may also sign-up by phone at 877-368-3552.

Q: How do I submit my comments?

A: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No EPA-R03-OW-2009-0985, by one of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal (recommended method of comment submission): <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Or, go directly to the comments page for this action.

E-mail: ow-docket@epamail.epa.gov This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it . Include the docket number, EPA-R03-OW-2009-0985, in the subject line of the message.

Mail:

"EPA-R03-OW-2009-0985, Spruce No. 1 Surface Mine"
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center Water Docket, Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Hand Delivery or Courier:
Director, Office of Environmental Programs
Environmental Assessment and Innovation Division (3EA30)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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01268-EPA-710

(b) (6)
05/14/2010 09:11 AM

To Richard Windsor
cc
bcc
Subject Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

Hi Administrator,

(b) (6) Privacy, (b) (5) Deliberative
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If you need further information please let me know.

(b) [Redacted]
to -----\Sent by EPA Wireless E-Mail Services.
Richard Windsor

----- Original Message -----

From: Richard Windsor
Sent: 05/14/2010 08:34 AM EDT
To: Bob Sussman
Cc: Bob Perciasepe; "Allyn Brooks-Lasure" <Brooks-lasure.allyn@epa.gov>; "Seth Oster" <oster.seth@epa.gov>; "Dan Ryan" <ryan.daniel@epa.gov>; Shawn Garvin; Heidi Ellis; "Diane Thompson" <thompson.diane@epa.gov>; (b) (6)

Subject: Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI Monday is too late. I would like to do this today during my train trip back from NJ. Tx.

Also, (b) (5) D.P. [Redacted] ?
Bob Sussman

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From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 05/14/2010 08:29 AM EDT
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Subject: Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI Am arranging a call with Shawn to talk this through on Monday and really want OPA, among others, participating (b) (5) D.P.

[Redacted] ?.

Robert M. Sussman
Senior Policy Counsel to the Administrator
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Richard Windsor (b) (5) D.P. 05/14/2010 08:21:42 AM

From: Richard Windsor/DC/USEPA/US
To: Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Bob Perciasepe/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: "Seth Oster" <oster.seth@epa.gov>, "Allyn Brooks-Lasure" <Brooks-lasure.allyn@epa.gov>, "Dan Ryan" <ryan.daniel@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

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From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 05/13/2010 02:21 PM EDT
To: Richard Windsor; Bob Perciasepe
Subject: Fw: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

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Date: 05/13/2010 02:11 PM
Subject: Fw: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI

Attached below is an announcement - "A Call to Arms" - from the WV Coal Association regarding the Spruce No. 1 hearing. (b) (5) D.P.

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Cc: bobby.eggletton@charlestonwvpolice.org, adam.saslow@plexusli.com
Date: 05/13/2010 10:09 AM
Subject: WV Coal Association 'Call to Arms' on Spruce hearing- FYI



The Washington DC Senate Hearing bus trip scheduled for May 18 has been cancelled.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing (registration begins at 5 p.m.; hearing begins at 6 p.m.) on May 18th at the following location:

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Documents

1. [WV DEP Letter to EPA responding to EPA's decision that the Spruce permit should be revoked](#)
2. [Corps of Engineers' decision to deny the permit to the Spruce Mine](#)
3. [Senate Concurrence on the Spruce Mine during the regular session of the Spruce Mine.](#)
4. [Letter from Senator Lisa Murkowski to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson regarding the Spruce Mine.](#)
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Questions About Spruce No. 1 Mine Public Hearing



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6. [Statement from Spruce No. 1 Mi](#)
7. [Chart from EPA-works.](#)

The Facts



- At full production the mine will create another 300 jobs
- The jobs created by the mine will be long-term employment with an average salary of approximately \$70,000
- Total economic impact of the mine will be approximately \$150 million
- The Spruce operation will create 250 jobs
- The permit is the most controversial in the history of West Virginia or the coal industry
- During the permit's preparation and production level concerns of the EPA were reduced by 27 percent by 57 percent. Total production was reduced by 10.6 million tons
- The Spruce mine production has come on line and is working
- EPA participated along the way during the permitting process and praised the company
- If the EPA revokes the permit such an action has been taken 14th time the EPA has been created in 1972
- It is an unprecedented action already been issued
- A decision by the EPA has cast doubt over the future of West Virginia for any coal mine
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EPA Docket Center Water Docket, Mail Code 28221T
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Seth Oster/DC/USEPA/US

To Richard Windsor

05/14/2010 09:32 AM

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Subject Fw: Womens Conservation Forum

Hi. (b) (5) D.P.


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From: Ann Friedman <Ann@(b) (6) Privacy>
To: Seth Oster/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 05/14/2010 07:37 AM
Subject: Womens Conservation Forum

Dear Seth,

I am following up on my husband's email to you. Four years ago I and 5 other women founded the Women's Conservation Forum through Conservation International, where I am a board member. The purpose was to organize a true forum where women could come together to hear speakers and freely discuss the complex issues relating to conservation and the environment, issues that we all cared deeply about but about which we probably didn't have more than a superficial understanding.

We usually hold three events, usually lunches, per year, and they have been very successful, attracting some 80 or so high-powered Washington-area women each time. Our events have ranged from a book discussion with E.O Wilson to an interview with Jody Freeman to a panel on corporate sustainability (with four women corporate sustainability officers from major corporations, such as WalMart) to a panel on ecotourism to a speaker on the carbon footprint of food. We have decided to group this year's events under the theme of "Women Speaking Out" or something to that effect, and we're tying the events to CI's new mission, which includes ensuring water security, food security and combating climate change.

We would be absolutely honored if Administrator Jackson were willing to speak to us. The Embassy of Finland has offered to host our first luncheon of next season, and I understand that she has spoken there before. The wife of the ambassador, Laurel

Colless, is one of our founders. We are looking at the first week of October or the last week of September. Our lunches start promptly at noon and are over at 2:00. The speaker usually talks for about 20 minutes and then we leave time for Q&A to make sure we have a true dialogue. Tom said he would be happy to interview Lisa if she preferred that format – he interviewed Jody last year (who was a last-minute replacement for Carol Browner), and it was very successful.

Thank you for passing along this request. I know it's very far ahead of time, but we would really love to kick off our fifth year with such a powerful woman in the conservation field. If the suggested dates don't work but you can suggest another, please do.

Thank you,

Ann Friedman

(ann@(b) (6) Privacy or (b) (6) Privacy home phone)

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Allyn
Brooks-LaSure/DC/USEPA/US

To Richard Windsor

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05/14/2010 07:19 PM

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Subject Fw: Top Blog Posts for Fri., May 14 - 7:00 pm

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M. Allyn Brooks-LaSure
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Cell: 202-631-0415
Suzanne Ackerman

----- Original Message -----

From: Suzanne Ackerman**Sent:** 05/14/2010 07:01 PM EDT

To: Seth Oster; Allyn Brooks-LaSure; Adora Andy; Roxanne Smith; Jeffrey Levy; Lina Younes; Amy Dewey; Brendan Gilfillan; Dave Ryan; Cathy Milbourn; Deb Berlin

Cc: Janice Sinclair; Denise Owens**Subject:** Top Blog Posts for Fri., May 14 - 7:00 pm**Lisa Jackson**

Outstanding commencement address by Lisa Jackson , head of EPA. Message to all of us: ask yourself "How can I help?"

Posted by: [billwolff](#) 11:20 am Full post:

Just called the EPA to urge top dog Lisa Jackson to implement new rules classifying coal ash as dangerous toxic waste. You can too.

Posted by: [jethomme](#) 3:20 pm Full post:

[#bpoilnews](#) @Lisapjackson - What do u think of all the lawsuits ? Premature? Necessary?

Posted by: [Jon Lewis](#) 3:10 pm Full post:

@Lisapjackson EPA Administrators gives updates on gulf coast oil spill

Posted by: [shrmsocmedguy](#) 2:02 pm Full post:

GHG Rules Announcement

Newsweek: EPA Ups the Ante on Climate-Energy Bill

Posted by: [SayfieNews](#) 6:45 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/aAdz84>

("It's serious stuff. The rule when enacted would be the farthest-reaching effort to reduce the U.S.'s out of control emissions—the most abundant in the world. And it would be President Obama making good on his promise to environmentalists....")

Natl Petrochem & Refiners Assoc calls EPA's final GHG tailoring rule 'unlawful'

Posted by: [smtaber](#) 6:15 pm Full Post: <http://bit.ly/a000yh>

EPA Finalizes "Tailoring Rule" For Major Source GHG Permitting

Posted by: [JDMI](#) 4:50 pm Full post:

http://enewsusa.blogspot.com/2010_05_14_archive.html

AF&AP comments on EPA's tailoring rule

Posted by: [altenergyjobs](#) 4:15 pm Full Post: <http://bit.ly/9nQHi5>

(Note: American Forest & Paper Association President and CEO Donna Harman made the following statement on the U.S. EPA's GHG Tailoring Rule, issued this week: "The EPA's action hurts rural communities by endangering family wage American jobs and reversing economic development in communities that need it the most.")

Gulf Oil Spill & EPA Response

Gulf Oil Leaks Could Gush for Years - [#news](#) [#energy](#)

Posted by: [NatGeoSociety](#) 12:40 pm Full post: <http://on.natgeo.com/c6zFdg>

Seattle Globe: Govt. secrecy update: EPA allows experts to comment on oil spill ; this looks like progress. [#epa](#) [#transparency](#) [#gov20](#)

Posted by: [Seattleglobe](#) 2:06 pm Full post: <http://bit.ly/cP7IGY>

(Note: After our [recent outrage](#) about EPA's news conferences where reporters were forbidden to identify government officials who briefed journalists, we on Wednesday were pleasantly surprised by an EPA news conference that's back in the real world. Specifically, when EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson did a phone-in presser on the use of dispersants on oil spill, [the notice](#) listed the names and titles of lower-ranking EPA staffers who would appear....)

On our radar: [#Oilspill](#). Scientists and enviro groups say leak is much larger than US or BP acknowledge.

Posted by: [nytimes](#) 6:30 am Full post: <http://nyti.ms/aDY8mD>

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David Gray/R6/USEPA/US

To "Richard Windsor"

06/03/2010 09:59 PM

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Subject Fw: URGENT

Fyi

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Sam Coleman

----- Original Message -----

From: Sam Coleman

Sent: 06/03/2010 09:58 PM EDT

To: David Gray

Subject: Re: URGENT

Called and left a message.

Samuel Coleman, PE

Superfund Div Region 6

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From: David Gray

Sent: 06/03/2010 09:33 PM EDT

To: Sam Coleman

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Any chance - you can make the call?

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From: David Gray
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To: "Sam Coleman" <coleman.sam@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT

In case you haven't heard from Al yet about this email to LPJ

Thanks for offering to have Mr. Coleman arrange for a multi-agency briefing for our state and local NAACP presidents in the area. Given such access to senior officials from BP, the Coast Guard, EPA and any other relevant agencies, there is a lot our folks can do to address concerns and distribute information in coastal communities.

The point-person at NAACP for Mr. Coleman is Jacqui Patterson, Director, NAACP Climate Change Initiative. Her email is jpatterson@naacpnet.org. Her mobile phone is 4434659809. She is expecting his call.

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Scott Fulton/DC/USEPA/US

06/05/2010 10:16 PM

To Kristi Smith, Richard Ossias

cc Anna Wood, Bob Perciasepe, Brian Doster, Diane Thompson, Elliott Zenick, Gina McCarthy, Janet McCabe, Mary-Kay Lynch, Richard Windsor, Steve Page

bcc

Subject Re: Defense of Shell permits on issue of air emissions from a potential spill

Hi Folks (b) (5) D.P., (b)(5) A/C, (b)(5) AWP

[Redacted]

Thanks, Scott

Kristi Smith

----- Original Message -----

From: Kristi Smith

Sent: 06/05/2010 08:53 PM EDT

To: Richard Ossias

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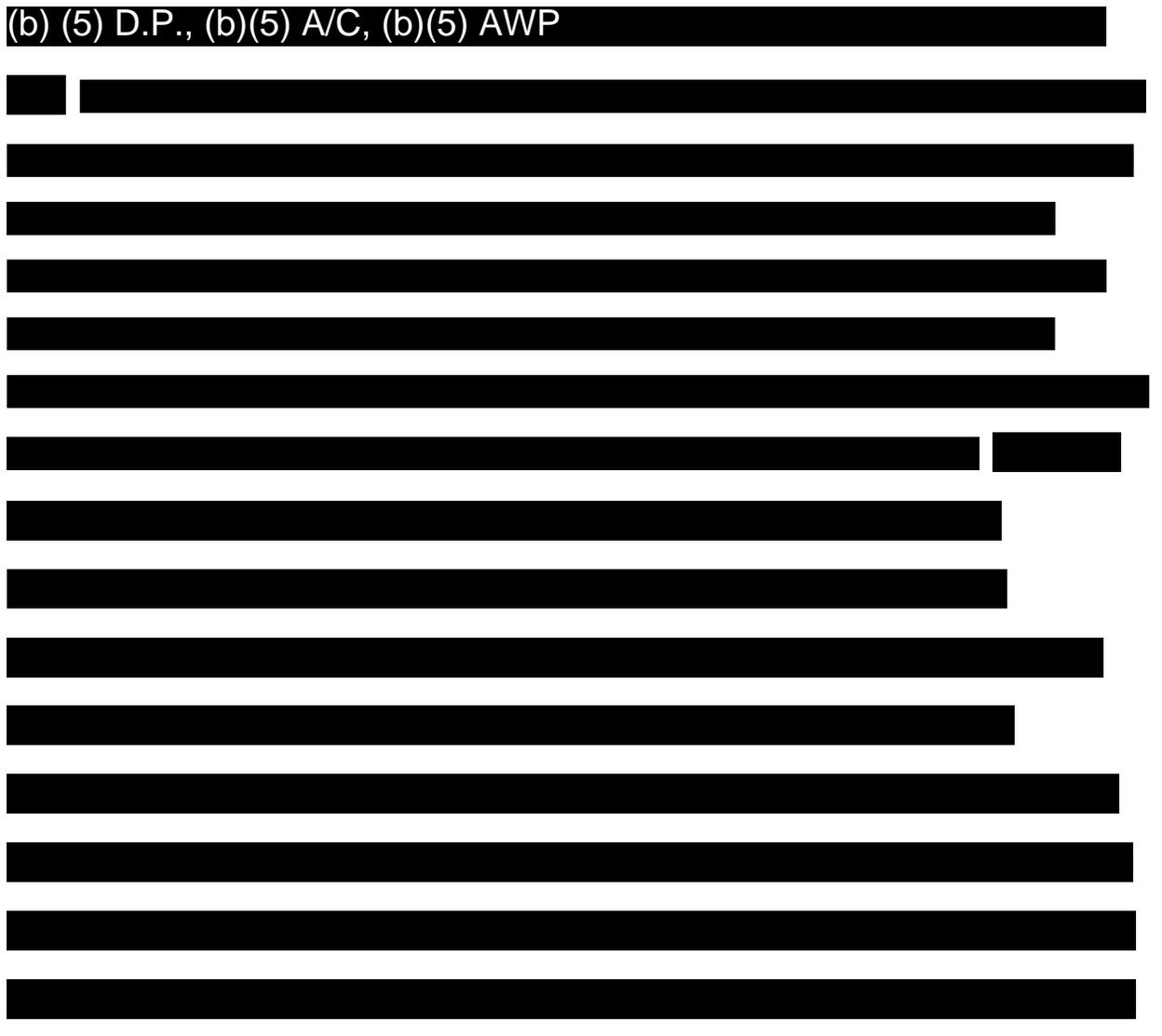
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Seth Oster/DC/USEPA/US

06/13/2010 02:24 PM

To Bob Sussman, Richard Windsor

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Subject Re: From Ashley Judd

Thanks Bob. (b) (5) D.P.

Seth

From: Bob Sussman
Sent: 06/13/2010 07:18 AM EDT
To: Richard Windsor
Cc: Seth Oster
Subject: Fw: From Ashley Judd

Wanted to make sure you saw this.

From: "Judd, Ashley" [ashley (b) (6) Privacy]
Sent: 06/13/2010 12:13 AM AST
To: Bob Sussman
Subject: From Ashley Judd

Dear Mr Sussman:

On 9 June, I had the honor of addressing the National Press Club. My topic was one of my core missions in life: stopping the rape of Appalachia, mountain top removal coal mining.

I was surprised and dismayed to read in a press report that during my talk, I criticized Administrator Jackson. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, my call to action for each person in the room was to express their support of the close, critical attention the agency has been paying to MTR since Administrator Jackson's appointment and especially to support the EPA's move to veto the permit application for West Virginia Spruce No.1 Mine. Equally, I admonished the press to cover MTR better, more fully, more frequently; I should have added accurately.

In the event this false report has made its way to your office, I wanted to offer this correction. I regret that at the National Press Club, of all places, I would be misquoted on such a huge issue and with regard to someone whose actions I have keenly watched with great interest, relief, and appreciation.

If you or your office have any interest in my talk, I would be glad to send you the text. It is a deeply personal issue to me; my people come from the mountains of eastern Kentucky for at least 8 generations.

If I may ever be useful, please don't hesitate to ask. And, when is President Obama going to do a fly over of an MTR site?

With best wishes,

Ashley Judd

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**Daniel
Gerasimowicz/DC/USEPA/US**
06/14/2010 12:11 PM

To
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Subject Meeting with Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Meeting

Date 06/28/2010

Time 10:00:00 AM to 10:45:00 AM

Chair Daniel Gerasimowicz

Invitees

Required

Optional

FYI

Location Bullet Room

Ct: Elaine Loughridge (CCAP) 202-350-8584

Staff:

Gina McCarthy, Joe Goffman, Maurice LeFranc, Brian McLean (OAR)

Michelle DePass, Shalini Vajjhala, Martin Dieu, Anthony Socci, Gary Waxmonsky (OIA)

Optional: Diane Thompson, Robert Goulding (OA)

Attendees:

Christina Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

Ned Helme, President of the Center for Clean Air Policy

Marty Spitzer, Legislative Director, Center for Clean Air Policy

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Janet Woodka/DC/USEPA/US
06/16/2010 08:35 AM

To "Diane Thompson", richard.windsor
cc "Bob Perciasepe"
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Subject Re: Update from travels to R8

Bob is still in Denver for an Human Resources Council meeting this am. Craig Hooks will also be there. Bob is going to meet with the R8 Senior Leadership Team mid-day and then head back tonight. Bob sent me back last night (getting in at 2 am this am) to go to a meeting at CEQ (b) (5) D.P.

Yesterday, after the all hands, Bob and I meet with Carol Rushin, Judy Wong, and Paula Smith. We discussed some interesting tribal initiatives in R8 (which I will get to Michelle Depass), their green building and other initiatives, and an idea that they have for "a new day at epa".

Bob and I then met with Jim and Mary Grace (b) (5) D.P.

I'll be on the call this am until 9 and in the office after 11ish (after ceq meeting) should you want to discuss this or anything else further - and I'm always available by cell.

Janet Woodka

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From: Janet Woodka
Sent: 06/15/2010 04:47 PM EDT
To: "Diane Thompson" <thompson.diane@epa.gov>; richard.windsor@epa.gov
Cc: "Bob Perciasepe" <perciasepe.bob@epa.gov>
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Well, Bob and I had a long journey getting here (nothing like an 7 hour trip to denver!) And the schedule has shifted slightly. We did a meeting with Craig Hooks and the "unity" council.

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Daniel
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06/18/2010 03:12 PM

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Subject Meeting with Todd Stern

Meeting

Date 06/23/2010
Time 02:15:00 PM to 03:00:00 PM
Chair Daniel Gerasimowicz

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Location Administrator's Office

Ct: Talia Hutchison (Exec. Assistant to Mr. Stern) 202-647-9884

Subj: Methane to Markets (M2M)

Staff:

Gina McCarthy, Paul Gunning (OAR)
Shalini Vajjhala (OITA)
Optional: Bob Perciasepe (OA)

The Deputy Administrator may stop in to this meeting

Attendees:

Todd Stern, State Department Special Envoy for Climate Change

Christo Artusio, Deputy Director, Office of Global Change, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs,
United States Department of State

Barbara DeRosa-Joynt, Director of the Administrative Support Group, Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate,
United States Department of State

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Bob Sussman/DC/USEPA/US

To Windsor.Richard

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Subject Fw: OSC Authority to Direct Waste

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Stan Meiburg

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From: Stan Meiburg

Sent: 06/26/2010 11:05 PM EDT

To: Lawrence Starfield

Cc: "Mary-Kay Lynch" <lynch.mary-kay@epa.gov>; Al Armendariz; Janet Woodka

Subject: Re: OSC Authority to Direct Waste

Larry, thanks for your note. I hope you'll see this as a helpful response.

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Curt,

I'm sorry you all are experiencing flooding issues once again. I will have my folks on this immediately in an effort to minimize the disruption you're facing and work with GSA to expedite the repairs necessary to prevent this from happening again. Pls call or get in touch with me if there are additional issues OARM can assist you with. Thx.

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[REDACTED] The storm is a major pollution event for area waters.

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Adapting to climate change ain't going to be easy.

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Date: 07/13/2010 11:45 PM
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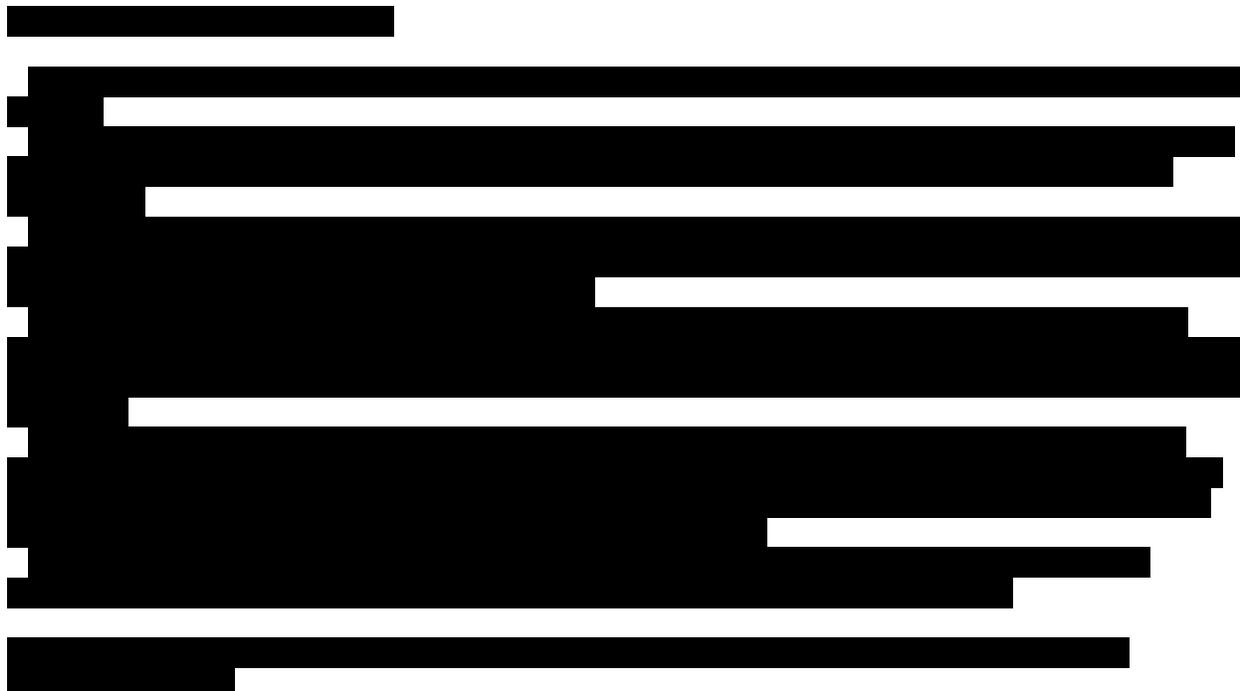
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Susan Hedman/R5/USEPA/US

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Just a quick update: Lisa, Karl and I have touched base and will be working with our respective staff members to come up with a proposed plan of action -- which we will circulate to you in short order.

Richard Windsor

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