

## **DRAFT Questions for Administrator Pruitt**

1. **Surprises**. You have now been on the job for 120 days—not long, but enough time to find your way around. Can you share with us 1 or 2 things that have surprised you—things about the agency or working in the federal government that you didn't expect or wouldn't have known about when you took the job?
2. **Overarching Regulatory Philosophy**. One of your foundational tenets in approaching this job is to advance the notion that we can be both pro-energy and jobs and pro-environment at the same time. How are you implementing that philosophy across the agency? Can you give us an example or two?
3. **Business and the environment**. The business community is often criticized as in conflict with environmental goals. We here at the Chamber and across the business community reject that. We see ourselves as not just environmental protection a priority and part of our culture, but actually as delivering solutions that can deliver on environmental objectives while also strengthening the economy.

How do you see business writ large fitting into a broader environmental goals, and specifically how do you plan to work with industry to move past the often adversarial relationship between EPA and industry?

4. **Lawsuits**. During your time as Oklahoma AG (and during your confirmation process), you sued the federal government and particularly EPA (a lot). You now find yourself on the other side of countless lawsuits, as so much of what EPA does is ultimately reviewed and judged by the courts.

What is your general approach to the legal side of the agency's work, and how are you working to resolve the many issues that the courts have provided temporary abeyance on, especially while you still wait get key agency staff in place?

5. **Cooperative Federalism**. You have helped to revive a seemingly forgotten phrase from the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act: Cooperative Federalism. Can you talk about why it is so important to you and maybe give some examples of how your approach to working with States will be different than your predecessors?
6. **Superfund**. You have placed a big emphasis on Superfund reform in your first months in office. Please tell us why you chose this program, what you hope to

accomplish, and how it's going so far.

7. **Paris/G7 Meeting.** Upon your return from the G7 meeting last week, you tweeted that the Paris Agreement is not the only mechanism by which environmental stewardship can be demonstrated.

What are some other issues that you hope to work with your international counterparts on? And on a working level, what was your impression of the reaction to President Trump's decision on Paris?

8. **Clean Power Plan and WOTUS.** Following President Trump's energy independence executive order in March, EPA has moved expeditiously to begin undoing high profile regulations such as the Clean Power Plan and Waters of the U.S. Both of those proposals are now at the White House undergoing final review.

What can you tell us about what we can expect to see in those proposals and your priorities with respect to the process and timeline for them going forward?

9. **Underreported Aspects of Agenda.** Everyone here knows about CPP and WOTUS, and increasingly about your plans for Superfund. Are there any under-the-radar issues or initiatives at EPA that you think this audience and the energy and environment trade press need to be paying more attention to?

10. **Baseball and government.** You co-owned a minor league baseball team for X years. Is there anything from your time in sports that you find useful to running a federal agency?