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**Subject:** Re: Format for Administrator - TXOGA

Thanks, Kate! See you soon.

On Oct 19, 2017, at 1:49 PM, Kate Zaykowski <kzaykowski@txoga.org> wrote:

Reporters attending tonight:

Alex Stuckey

Houston Chronicle

Nushin Huq – She isn't sure if she can make it tonight, will let me know the name of a colleague if someone can cover for her

Bloomberg BNA

Ernest Scheyder

Reuters News

Bryan Sims

Reuters News

I haven't heard back from Houston Public Radio, they are credentialed for tomorrow, but am not sure if they will be in attendance tonight. Will let you know when I hear.

Thanks,

Kate

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Neal and Kate-

Lincoln and I just updated the Administrator on the 4 media reps that are now attending as well as the plane/ billboard situation. Given these circumstances, he'd like to respectfully request that the entire format now be Q&A with two chairs on stage (and no need for a podium). I know this is different than a typical ("talk at you") speech, but we all agree it might be more informative for everyone in the audience. Can either of you run the traps and confirm this format prior to our arrival?

Here are a few additional questions for Todd to consider and thanks for your understanding!  
See below:

What is your relationship with the President and what has it been like to work with him?

Earlier this week, you issued a directive to get rid of the abusive sue and settle process at the EPA in which special interests develop policy with agencies behind closed doors. Could you explain what your directive on the issue does?

The left strictly defines "environmentalism" and designate "environmentalists" as an exclusive, limited type of crowd. What is your response to this? What do

you consider true environmentalism?

Regarding the “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule you are working to properly define as what “navigable waters” should be under the Clean Water Act.....What are your goals as you conduct a re-evaluation?

Are you working to include a streamlined permitting process at EPA as a part of the President's infrastructure package? Should it be included?

What has it been like to run such a newsworthy agency? More difficult than you imagined?

On Oct 17, 2017, at 6:38 PM, Neal Carlton <[ncarlton@txoga.org](mailto:ncarlton@txoga.org)> wrote:

Jahan, my cell is in my email signature if you need to reach me anytime.

I think the last part of the Upstream question was accidentally left off. Below are the 3 complete questions our team put together. Do you have other questions that would be good?

Downstream

Industry has not built a refinery with significant downstream unit capacity in the US since 1977. Do you view EPA regulations as a contributing factor?

Midstream

One of the barriers of oil and gas development is the lack of infrastructure, can you comment on the barriers to new pipeline development at the federal level? Is there a better way to streamline the process?

Upstream

The Railroad Commission has been regulating the oil and natural gas industry for decades. From a federal regulatory perspective, can you comment on the regulation of the oil and natural gas industry at the federal level versus the state level?

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Neal,

Thank you for the time this afternoon. If it works for your folks, the format that allows the Administrator to offer remarks then for Mr. Staples or Mr. Tillman to moderate the Q&A would be great for us as well.

Jahan – pretty please confirm the below questions to be asked of the Administrator.

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Thank you so much,

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