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Subject: RE: Schnare Piece -- EPA Response

So, off the record: It's really hard for me to speak to b/c I never met him and if we overlapped, I didn't know b/c I never saw him at meetings or interacted with him, and I think he is upset about not landing the role he envisioned for himself. It's suspect that he is randomly bringing this up, months after departure ... I really don't see what he gets out of it, other than his name in the press?

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Thanks. I've just been wondering about this whole thing. Does anyone know why he went off the edge? He never says what the "unethical" or "illegal" thing is.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 3:14 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

As a follow-up, I saw that Schnare told E&E that Don Benton offered him a top spot – on background (not for attribution): Benton had little responsibility during his time here, none of which included the authority to make job offers.

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Thanks, Liz.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mike – I want to provide you with a statement on the Schnare piece and some additional background information you can work into the article. Thanks – Liz

Mr. Schnare's claims are false. From my understanding, he was at EPA for about a month following Pruitt's confirmation. He was never being considered for a top spot. His claims are wildly untrue and his references to things like "professional ethics" and "sensitive issues" and "actions taken outside the law" without any specificity, tends to point to a lack of veracity in his claims. All Schnare saw while he was here was Administrator Pruitt's first two weeks of nearly exclusive meetings with career senior staff at all the program offices, and regular or at least weekly, meetings with career and political staff on a variety of issues.

Additional background:

Schnare wanted to lead the evaluation of climate science so his criticism of that ,among his other criticisms, is simply that of a disgruntled former employee disappointed that he could not contribute. His claims that the President asked him to do this job demonstrates a dramatic flair which offers some insight into how he operated during his short time at EPA.

Thanks,

Liz Bowman

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