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**From:** Abboud, Michael [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B6F5AF791A1842F1ADCC088CBF9ED3CE-ABBOUD, MIC]  
**Sent:** 7/19/2018 5:16:15 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Ex. 6] <[REDACTED]@epa.gov> [mailto:Press [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b293283291dc44e0b5d1c36be9281d8a-Press]]  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry from a RadWaste Monitor reporter

“Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler has been briefed multiple times on the West Lake Superfund site beginning when he was Deputy Administrator and continues to be actively engaged. He is committed to making a sound decision and moving this site forward as it has been listed on the National Priorities List for decades.” – EPA Spokesperson

**On Background**

We are still on schedule to sign an amendment to the ROD in September 2018. EPA is currently developing the final Record of Decision amendment including the Responsiveness Summary which provides responses to the comments received during the extended comment period. There are no planned schedule changes.

Once a final remedy is selected EPA will initiate the process with the PRPs to perform the remedial design and remedial action.

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**From:** Lynn, Tricia  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Inquiry from a RadWaste Monitor reporter

Does the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor want to handle?

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**From:** John Stang [REDACTED] Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; John Stang [REDACTED] Ex. 6]  
**Subject:** Inquiry from a RadWaste Monitor reporter

Ms. Lynn:

My name is John Stang, and I'm a Seattle-based part-time reporter for the RadWaste Monitor, which is based in Arlington Va. The Monitor is a wonky publication/Web site that covers the reactor decommissioning industry.

I'm doing a story on the Record of Decision on the West Lake Landfill cleanup being expected no later than Sept. 30, I covered the preferred alternative -- partial excavation -- being announced in February.

Here's my question.

With Andrew Wheeler replacing Scott Pruitt, is the partial excavation option still the frontrunner for tackling the West Lake Landfill cleanup? Or have other alternatives become more prominent in the discussions leading to the Sept. 30 Record of Decision? My bottom line is whether we should be on a serious look-out for something other than the partial excavation preferred alternative unveiled in February

My contact information

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Thank you very much for your help.

John Stang