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Sent: 1/26/2018 5:41:12 PM
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CC: Beck, Nancy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=168ecb5184ac44de95a913297f353745-Beck, Nancy]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: RE: Gowan Group of Companies

No rush at all Tate –I know you guys have tons on your plate -I just wanted to get something to you – thank you!!!

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 26, 2018 9:40 AM
To: Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com>
Cc: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Gowan Group of Companies

Thanks Cindy! Sorry for the delay. Will get back to you shortly with more info. Crazy week.

On Jan 26, 2018, at 12:38 PM, Cindy Smith <csmith@gowanco.com> wrote:

Tate –I wanted to make one other Yuma connection for you. Henry Darwin in the Office of Policy there at EPA has a strong Yuma connection. His father Dr. George Darwin was my daughters pediatrician. Dr. Darwin was in a partnership at the time called Yuma Pediatrics where Gowan Deckey (the daughter of Jon Jessen) is a pediatrician. So Henry could provide if you want some real insight in all Yuma as to offer in the way of being a place to visit. Thanks Cindy

From: Cindy Smith
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 7:22 PM
To: 'Bennett.tate@epa.gov' <Bennett.tate@epa.gov>
Cc: 'beck.nancy@epa.gov' <beck.nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Gowan Group of Companies

Hi Tate – I was in a meeting with you and Nancy several months ago on some specific issues related to pesticides and EPA decisions. I have also heard that Administrator Pruitt might be interested in talking directly with CEOs of companies about how EPA actions and policies directly impact our business. Gowan is unique as I believe we may be the only remaining 100% family owned basic registrant of pesticides in the U.S. Our headquarters is in Yuma, Arizona. Our company was started by Jon Jessen about 55 years ago. Today Jon remains active as the Chairman of the Board and his daughter Juli is our CEO. We have businesses that provide crop protection inputs (conventional and organic), seed (primarily vegetables), a pesticide manufacturing facility (in Yuma) and retail operations (Yuma, Imperial Valley and Salinas) with certified pest control advisors that walk fields and make recommendations for growers. A trip to Yuma would allow the Administrator to see our operations and talk with our CEO but also because this happens to be one of the most active seasons in ag production in Yuma so he could also see those operations. A large percentage of winter vegetables (lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, etc.) are grown in Yuma. So if you are eating a salad this time of year –the lettuce was very likely grown in Yuma. We would greatly welcome the opportunity for the Administrator to visit Yuma to see agricultural production and to talk with our CEO and other family members directly involved in our businesses. I know Administrator Pruitt is very busy and I am sure he gets lots of requests to visit locations –but if he can work this in to any of his travel plans, we would be honored to showcase our

community, the agriculture and our business so he can get some first-hand knowledge of how EPA actions impact a family owned business and a community in rural America. The winter vegetable production will start winding down in March so there is a window of opportunity if it works with his schedule to come to Yuma sometime in the next 6-8 weeks. If that doesn't work we would be happy to come to his office with our CEO and talk with him as well. We really appreciate the consideration for our request and please let me know if you would like any additional information. Thanks Cindy

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