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Sent: 11/22/2017 6:43:38 PM
To: Ed Thomas [ethomas@tfi.org]
Subject: RE: Speaking Invitation

Thanks Ed. You have a happy Thanksgiving as well!

From: Ed Thomas [mailto:ethomas@tfi.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Speaking Invitation

Thanks Lee!

Hope you have some downtime over the holidays.

Regards, Ed.

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From: Forsgren, Lee [mailto:Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Ed Thomas <ethomas@tfi.org>
Cc: Penman, Crystal <Penman.Crystal@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Speaking Invitation

Ed,

Would love to have the opportunity to speak with your organization. My calendar is extremely busy on the 5th but Crystal Penman may be able to work it out but it will be extremely difficult.

Let's see what might be possible.

Regards,
Lee

From: Ed Thomas [mailto:ethomas@tfi.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2017 11:08 AM
To: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
Subject: Speaking Invitation

Mr. Forsgren:

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) TFI represents the nation's fertilizer industry, including producers, importers, retailers, wholesalers and companies that are engaged in all aspects of the fertilizer supply chain. We have been actively engaged on many fronts within the Office of Water including actively promoting our 4R nutrient stewardship program, advocating for CWA Section 404 permitting reform, WOTUS, and many other important issues.

My Government Affairs Committee will be meeting on Dec 5 at our office here in DC (425 3rd st, SW, Suite 950) from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. We have invited Jeff Sands (EPA Ag Advisor) to be a guest speaker for 30 minutes, however, we remain uncertain of his availability. We would be honored to have you provide a briefing to the committee and provide an update about the current status of the high priority issues being tackled at the Office of Water (particularly WOTUS and 404 permitting reform). I realize your schedule is extremely tight but we can accommodate you at any time and duration.

Please let me know if you may be interested in addressing the committee and if you may be available. Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving. And a little personal note – THANK-YOU for all you are doing within the Agency. I have worked at EPA headquarters as well as have been working in cooperation with the Agency for my entire 25 year career and have never been this excited about the work that is underway!

Regards, Ed.

FYI - A little background about the fertilizer industry:

In 2015 alone, the U.S. fertilizer industry invested \$5.1 billion in capital infrastructure projects. These investments create jobs, increase worker and community safety, and help conserve energy, land, water, and air resources. The U.S. fertilizer industry is one of the world's largest. The United States is the world's fourth largest producer of nitrogen-based fertilizers and the second largest producer of phosphate fertilizer. The U.S. fertilizer industry generates more than \$155 billion in economic benefit and provides more than 89,000 direct jobs and 406,000 indirect jobs for a total of more than 495,000 U.S. jobs.

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