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## **PHOTOS: Administrator Pruitt Takes State Action Tour to Texas**

**DALLAS (August 10, 2017)** - U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt capped off his week-long state swing in Texas today, marking his 10th state visit in four weeks as part of EPA's state action tour. For his first stop, Administrator Pruitt toured Toyota's new headquarters in Plano.

"EPA is always interested in seeing environmentally-friendly business practices first hand," **said EPA Administrator Pruitt**. "We celebrate companies who incorporate innovative and sustainable business practices into their growing companies."

"We were pleased to show Administrator Pruitt our new headquarters in Plano, TX and to highlight the environmental sustainability aspects of the new facility, **said Chris Reynolds, Executive Vice President, Toyota Motor North America**. "Toyota previously announced it will invest \$10 billion over the next five years in the U.S., and the new headquarters is just one of those commitments to help grow American jobs. We appreciate the opportunity to showcase our new Plano headquarters where we will soon have 4,000 team members working in a more collaborative way in order to better serve our customers."

Administrator Pruitt also met with the current and former leadership of the Dallas Builders Association while he was in Texas to discuss environmental issues around developing new projects in the North Texas area.

"We feel like it is important for us to get out, into the states and talk directly with local people and businesses about how EPA regulations affect them. What we are hearing is that people deeply care about the environment and want sensible regulations that allow them to grow their businesses and create local jobs, without unnecessarily and costly regulatory burdens," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

"The Dallas Builders Association commends EPA Administrator Pruitt for holding this roundtable in Dallas to get direct feedback from home builders and developers who are affected by burdensome regulations that raise the cost of housing and harm small businesses," **said Dallas BA President Michael Turner**. "The nation's home builders support the administrator's efforts to enact a revised waters of the U.S. rule that will protect the environment without adding unnecessary regulatory burdens that will hurt housing and other industries in Texas that rely on a predictable permitting process."

Earlier today, Administrator Pruitt joined WBAP Morning News. The interview can be heard here:

<http://www.wbap.com/2017/08/10/morning-news-epa-chief-scott-pruitt-interview/>

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (second from left) speaks with Toyota's Tom Stricker (left), Chris Reynolds (second from right), and Doug Beebe (right).

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (right) tours Toyota in Plano, Texas with Toyota's Tom Stricker (left), Doug Beebe (second from left), and Kevin Butt (right).

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt greets members of the Dallas Builders Association.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt addresses the Dallas Builders Association.

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## **PHOTOS: Pruitt Stops in Arkansas for State Action Tour**

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** – (July 20, 2017) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt continued his state action tour in Arkansas today. Administrator Pruitt met with Governor Asa Hutchinson and Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, and representatives from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to discuss restoring cooperative federalism by re-visiting the 2015 “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule. He also announced EPA’s approval of Arkansas’ 303(d) water quality standards that list impaired waters for the state of Arkansas, dating back to 2010. EPA is clearing the backlog that existed for the years 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.

“Under the Trump Administration, EPA is focused on partnering with states to achieve the best environmental outcomes,” **said EPA Administrator Pruitt.** “I am proud to announce that EPA is now approving the 303(d) list that recognizes Arkansas’s water quality improvements made under Governor Hutchinson’s leadership.”

“I appreciate Administrator Pruitt and the administration for the work they’re doing with the states and for listening to governors about how regulations affect our citizens,” **said Governor Asa Hutchinson.** “His decision to begin the process to rescind this burdensome and overreaching rule, enacted under the Obama Administration, is welcome news and shows a return to cooperative federalism with the states. In addition, I am pleased with EPA’s approval of Arkansas’s 303(d) list. Arkansas supports clean water and has taken great strides to protect and enhance our natural environment. The clear and efficient regulations from EPA under Administrator Pruitt—as well as the agency’s focus on a more balanced partnership with the states—is good news for Arkansans.”

“I am proud to welcome EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to the Natural State,” **said Attorney General Rutledge.** “Administrator Pruitt’s decision last month to completely re-evaluate the WOTUS rule, minimizing the regulatory burden on countless landowners, demonstrates his commitment to building stronger relationships with state partners. Preserving and protecting our clean air and clean water through a cooperative, lawful and thoughtful process based on science and data is a priority for Arkansas.”

As a result of Arkansas’s efforts, 76 percent of water bodies impaired in 2008 are no longer showing impairments and a total of 335 waters are now meeting Arkansas Water Quality Standards.

Administrator Pruitt also held a breakfast roundtable this morning hosted by The Poultry Federation where he discussed EPA’s decision to re-evaluate the 2015 WOTUS Rule. All segments of Arkansas’ agriculture were represented.

“Agriculture is Arkansas’ largest industry adding \$16 billion to the state’s economy each year, said Marvin Childers,” **President of The Poultry Federation.** “We are pleased to have Administrator Pruitt in Arkansas and we look forward to the changes he discussed.”

U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt addresses the Poultry Federation

U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson

U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge

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