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**Cc:** Strayer, Marjorie[mstrayer@livingstongroupdc.com]; Martin, Allen[amartin@livingstongroupdc.com]; Livingston, Robert[rlivingston@livingstongroupdc.com]; Graham, Jane[jgraham@livingstongroupdc.com]  
**From:** Livingston, Robert  
**Sent:** Tue 6/6/2017 3:15:17 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Hicksville, NY Environmental Settlement

**Dear Friends,**

**The Hicksville, NY, environmental dilemma continues without resolution. We are hopeful that a brief meeting with EPA Administrator Pruitt will put the matter to rest, but if it is to be done in this fiscal year, we would very much like to have the meeting in the next few weeks. Your assistance in making the meeting happen will be greatly appreciated.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Livingston**

**The Livingston Group**

**202 289 9881**

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**From:** Livingston, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 1:43 PM  
**To:** [azoolin.liel@epa.gov](mailto:azoolin.liel@epa.gov)  
**Cc:** Strayer, Marjorie; Graham, Jane  
**Subject:** Appointment Request

**E. Scott Pruitt**

**Administrator**

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**Scheduler is Liel Azoolin**

**202-564-7332**

**Dear Administrator Pruitt,**

**The former Sylvania Corning Plant in Hicksville, NY provided nuclear fuel elements for the nation's weapons reactors during the Cold War from 1952-65. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) paid for the decontamination and decommissioning of the site in 1966, pronounced it fit for "normal use," and later certified that it represented "no hazard to health and safety."**

**However, after a series of investigations by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, at the request of the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, it was found that the site has "radiological contamination above applicable limits" in 1996.**

**Through a series of mergers and sales, this property is now the responsibility of Verizon. We have worked with the Department of Energy, Congress, and the Army Corps of Engineers beginning in 2003 to first get this property listed as part of the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program (it is) and to have the Corps follow that process to clean the site (13 years later it is still not remediated).**

**Verizon has been trying to work out a deal with the Corps whereby Verizon will provide substantial funds to expedite the remediation. All that Verizon asks in return is that ACE complete the remediation without any further financial or active involvement by Verizon. Towards this end, Verizon made a comprehensive proposal to DOJ, USACE and EPA last Fall but have been unable to get a response due to EPA's failure to meet. We believe that the USACE and the Justice Department are happy with the proposal, but that the EPA staff may be blocking the deal.**

**We would very much like to have a face to face meeting with you at your convenience. We will have a ranking officer of Verizon with us and we hope that we might successfully reach a conclusion that would benefit both Verizon and the US taxpayer.**

**Thank you in advance for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Livingston**

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**From:** Livingston, Robert

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 10:32 AM

**To:** [REDACTED] EOP/EX. 6

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**Dear Mike,**

**Thank you again for your consideration in March of our methanol project in Lake Charles, La. We remain hopeful.**

**Today, I write of another project. The former Sylvania Corning Plant in Hicksville, NY provided nuclear fuel elements for the nation's weapons reactors during the Cold War from 1952-65. The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) paid for the decontamination and decommissioning of the site in 1966, pronounced it fit for "normal use," and later certified that it represented "no hazard to health and safety."**

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