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Sent: 7/12/2018 8:08:40 PM
To: Alex Newman [REDACTED] **Ex. 6**
CC: Press [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b293283291dc44e0b5d1c36be9281d8a-Press]
Subject: RE: Urgent media request

Alex,

On background:

Is this MOU still in force under the Trump administration?

It is in effect for a five years period (starting on Sept. 16, 2016), which is typical for documents of this nature. The first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in 2011. The MOU is a voluntary, non-legally binding document used to outline broad areas of cooperation between EPA and the UN Environment Program (UNEP), where there is mutual interest. Our cooperation with other countries, facilitated by UNEP, includes efforts to reduce transboundary air pollution and toxic substances originating from other countries which can impact the health of U.S. citizens and the environment within our borders. EPA's "war on lead" is one example of possible future cooperation through the MOU.

Under what authority is the EPA signing MOUs with international and foreign entities? Does EPA believe the Constitution authorizes this?

All activities engaged in by the EPA pursuant to the Memorandum are subject to applicable laws and regulations of the United States of America. The EPA entered into this Memorandum pursuant to Section 102(2)(F) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4332(2)(F); Section 103(a) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7403(a); Section 8001(a) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6981 (a); Section 1442(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-J; Section 10(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2609(a); and Sections 17(d) and 20(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. §§ 1360(d) and 136r(a).

What steps has the EPA taken in relation to the MOU? What steps has the UN taken?

The MOU may be used to highlight US leadership on the environment, the advancements of our private sector in developing markets for environmental technology, and to help disseminate information of US preferred practices to other countries responsible for transboundary pollution that may impact our citizens.

Why was the public not made aware of this?

The MOU has been made available on EPA's public website since its signature.

Under what authority is the EPA implementing Agenda 2030? Has this been ratified as a treaty by the US Senate? If not, how can it be considered legally valid?

U.S. policy on Agenda 2030 is set by the White House's National Security Council (NSC) and the U.S. Department of State from which EPA receives policy guidance on such matters. For questions on U.S. policy on Agenda 2030, please contact the NSC and the Department of State.

How can citizens protest against this and make their voices heard if they disagree?

EPA welcomes the views of the public through, for example, correspondence to the Agency.

From: Alex Newman [mailto:Ex. 6]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent media request

Hi Enesta,

What's the status on this? I need to get it submitted asap....

Thanks,

Alex

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Alex Newman
Subject: Re: Urgent media request

Hi Alex, what's your deadline?

On Jul 11, 2018, at 10:10 AM, Alex Newman **Ex. 6** wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I'm working on an article for The New American magazine about a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the EPA and the UN Environment Programme in September of 2016. You can see the MOU on EPA's website here:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/september_16_2016_epa-unep_mou-508.pdf

I have a few questions for you before I publish my article:

-Is this MOU still in force under the Trump administration?

-Under what authority is the EPA signing MOUs with international and foreign entities? Does EPA believe the Constitution authorizes this?

-What steps has the EPA taken in relation to the MOU? What steps has the UN taken?

-Why was the public not made aware of this?

-Under what authority is the EPA implementing Agenda 2030? Has this been ratified as a treaty by the US Senate? If not, how can it be considered legally valid?

-How much public money has been spent on this MOU and initiatives linked to it?

-How can citizens protest against this and make their voices heard if they disagree?

-Has Congress been involved?

Thanks in advance, and best wishes,

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