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**From:** Wagner, Kenneth [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=048236AB99BC4D5EA16C139B1B67719C-WAGNER, KEN]  
**Sent:** 5/23/2018 6:37:52 PM  
**To:** Macy, Jim [jim.macy@nebraska.gov]  
**CC:** Gulliford, Jim [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=a3aa23ac3a36426495575d5dfd5a37c9-Gulliford,]  
**Subject:** Re: Law360 wants to talk about EPA regional administrators

Thanks for the shout out!

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On May 23, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Macy, Jim <[jim.macy@nebraska.gov](mailto:jim.macy@nebraska.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Macy, Jim  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 9:32 AM  
**To:** McManus, Brian; Gage, Taylor; 'Sam Sankar'  
**Cc:** Macy, Jim; Miltenberger, Matt  
**Subject:** FW: Law360 wants to talk about EPA regional administrators

Just spoke with Juan Carlos Rodriguez  
Senior Environment Reporter Law360

Topic - how or is relationship better with Region 7 EPA?

Spoke to facts of how we are working together to advance a more effective and efficient state government and we are seeing better relationship with region 7. I did say that region 7 has always been good to work with - but that we have seen more direct and "Cooperative" working with type of interactions - cited the recent Hastings superfund listing as a positive where we worked with region 7 to advance a treatment and removal project that reduced time and overall cost for a more effective clean-up. These actions allow us to address more sites in an effective manner and it allows remediation to occur - allowing land to return to productive use sooner and cleans up our soil and water for healthy communities. Originally slated as a 30 year project, NDEQ advanced a technical process that both leading edge and midpoint remediation will lower overall expenses and save about 15 years in time and reduce overall project costs.

Jim Gulliford has been great to work with, gave examples of our management and technical team meetings we just started and how they help to resolve problems. We see more deference to states and team approaches.

Spoke to Cooperative Federalism, ECOS development of the CF2.0 why all states want a better relationship with EPA and that we started this well before the 2016 election.

We have had more direct relationships with Administrator Pruitt, his key staff Henry Darwin COO (on process improvement), Susan Bodine and Patrick Traylor on OECA and Ken Wagoner in direct visits in over 40 states and all regions

Thought the questions were fair and tone of interview good.

**From:** Sam Sankar [mailto:ssankar@ecos.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 2:12 PM  
**To:** Macy, Jim  
**Subject:** Re: Law360 wants to talk about EPA regional administrators

Any time after 1:15 ET.

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 2:14 PM Macy, Jim <jim.macy@nebraska.gov> wrote:

What time

**From:** Sam Sankar [mailto:ssankar@ecos.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 1:03 PM  
**To:** Macy, Jim; Todd Parfitt  
**Cc:** Lia Parisien  
**Subject:** Fwd: Law360 wants to talk about EPA regional administrators

Todd, Jim: are either of you willing/able to talk tomorrow to a reporter about “how the relationships with the regional offices has changed or not changed, improved or worsened, during the Trump administration?”

I can also cover it if that makes more sense.

—sam

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**From:** **Juan Carlos Rodriguez** <jc.rodriguez@law360.com>  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018  
**Subject:** Law360 story on EPA regional administrators  
**To:** Parisien Lia <lparisien@ecos.org>

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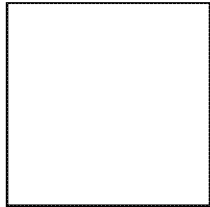
Hi, Juan Carlos from Law360 here. I am doing a story on the new crop of regional administrators, and I want to interview someone from ECOS to talk about how the relationships with the regional offices has changed or not changed, improved or worsened, during the Trump administration.

Do you have someone available to talk about that tomorrow?

Thanks.

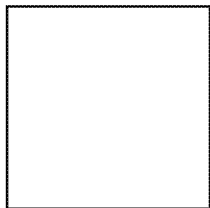
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Juan Carlos Rodriguez  
Senior Environment Reporter

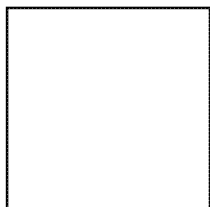


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*Mark your calendar for the August 28-30 ECOS Fall Meeting in Stowe, VT!*

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