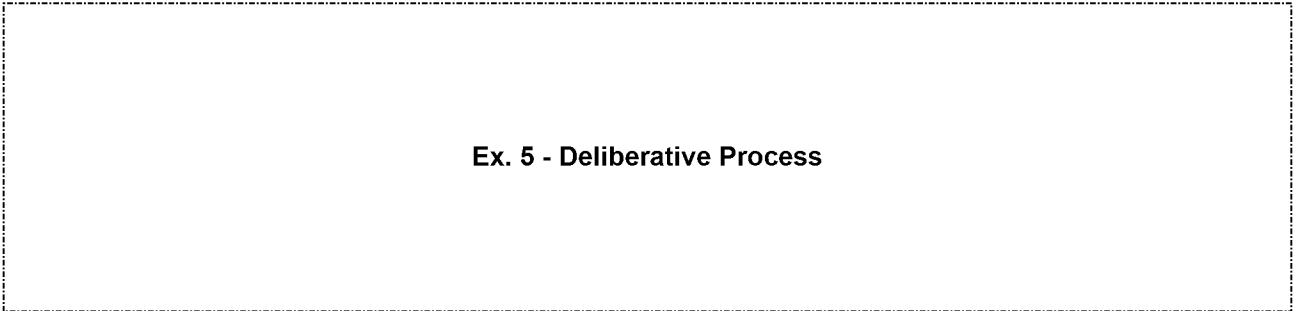


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Because he had the attached emails, I could not duck this. I answered the questions as shown below.



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David,

Hi, it's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Pebble Partnership lobbying EPA to reach a legal settlement and allow the permit process for the mining project in Bristol Bay, Alaska to begin. We will be quoting from emails and other records released to the Natural Resources Defense Council under a Freedom of Information Act request (please see attached for some examples). I have a few questions about this, which are:

- Did you give Administrator Pruitt a “specific proposal” from Pebble Partnership, as you requested from Peter Robertson (please see page 2 of EPA 4880 000046)?

No. I never gave Scott anything in writing. (We raised it in the daily brief in a single sentence.)

■• Did you meet in person with Robertson on Feb. 22 (please see page 1 of EPA 4880 000046)?

Yes.

■• On May 12, EPA did decide to reach a legal settlement and allow the permit process for the mining project in Bristol Bay, Alaska to begin. How much influence did Pebble Partnership's lobbying of EPA influence the agency's decision?

I am not aware of the content of the legal settlement, but because Pebble did not provide any information or argument we had not already heard, I don't see how they could influence the agency's decision, especially as they never met with Scott and I left before Scott directed anything and before the settlement was made.

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is noon EST Thursday, June 8, but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

**Kevin Bogardus**

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