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**Subject:** Why were journalist barred from the National Leadership Summit on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) ?

It is very troublesome to hear this news. Below is the statement from Fox news. There was room but only those 3 were barred? Why?

Thank you in advance for your response,

Susan Kadota

Journalists from CNN, the [Associated Press](#) and the trade publication E&E were barred by the EPA from entering the event, which was focused on harmful chemicals in water. A handful of other reporters from other news organizations, however, were allowed inside the event after having been previously invited by the agency.

In a statement, Jahan Wilcox, an EPA spokesman, said the agency barred reporters from attending due to space limitations inside the venue. He said the EPA was able to accommodate only 10 reporters and that it provided a livestream “for those we could not accommodate.”

“This was simply an issue of the room reaching capacity, which reporters were aware of prior to the event,” Wilcox said.

A report published by [The Hill](#), however, said a handful of seats in the press section remained vacant by the time Pruitt began speaking. A photo obtained by CNN also showed space for cameras.