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From: Noe, Paul [Paul_No@afandpa.org]
Sent: 2/9/2025 5:26:25 PM
To: Voyles, Travis
[voyles.travis@epa.gov]
CC: matt.hall@smurfitwestrock.com;
timothywegner@packagingcorp.com
Subject: RE: Meeting Request by Paper Mill
Workers (Feb 4-Feb 6)

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Travis: Thanks so much to you and your team for being willing to meet with the PPRC during a very busy time and to hear their concerns.

We look forward to working with you all.

Best regards,

Paul

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From: Voyles, Travis <voyles.travis@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2025 10:45 AM
To: Noe, Paul <Paul_No@afandpa.org>
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Subject: RE: Meeting Request by Paper Mill Workers (Feb 4-Feb 6)

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Good Morning Paul, Matt, and Tim —I know this is a slightly delayed response, but I just wanted to follow up to ensure you knew we passed this along to the Administrator to ensure it got in front of him.

Looking forward to working with you and the team at AFPA and PPRC. Please let me know if I can be helpful in any way.

Thanks,

Travis

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From: Noe, Paul <Paul_Noe@afandpa.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Voyles, Travis <voyles.travis@epa.gov>; McIntosh, Chad <mcintosh.chad@epa.gov>
Cc: matt.hall@smurfitwestrock.com; timothywegner@packagingcorp.com; Widman, Katherine <Katherine_Widman@afandpa.org>
Subject: Meeting Request by Paper Mill Workers (Feb 4-Feb 6)
Importance: High

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Dear Travis and Chad:

I understand that the EPA team is still taking shape, but I wanted to let you know that there are over 90 pulp and paper mill workers who have flown into DC who are eager to meet with President Trump's team at EPA (as well as OMB and the White House). They could be available this week **starting today, Tuesday February 4 through Thursday February 6** to meet with you and other officials at EPA you think would be appropriate.

This group, the Pulp and Paperworkers' Resource Council (PPRC), is a grassroots organization of line workers in U.S. pulp and paper mills who often are members of major unions. The PPRC has an annual fly-in to meet with key policymakers about the importance of reasonable regulation to ensure a viable, competitive U.S. paper and wood products manufacturing industry and the high-paying jobs it provides. Over 90 mill workers is an all-time record for PPRC fly-in attendees. They are very enthusiastic about the administration's commitment to support U.S. manufacturing and its workers. My understanding is that the administration currently may not be meeting with industry trade associations, and AF&PA would not expect to be included in these meetings. My role is to help our mill workers to schedule meetings with the executive branch. They already have many meetings scheduled on Capitol Hill. During the first Trump Administration, the PPRC was pleased to meet with EPA, OMB, other White House offices, and other agencies.

Here is some additional background on the PPRC:

The PPRC website is here: <https://thepprc.org/#about>

Background information on the PPRC:

The Pulp and Paperworkers' Resource Council is a grassroots organization led by hourly employees advocating for the U.S. forest products industry. We are people dedicated to conserving the environment while taking into account the economic stability of the workforce and our surrounding communities. We support policies that encourage economic growth, abundant and sustainable fiber supply, and sensible science-based environmental policies.

The U.S. forest products industry is vitally important to our nation's economy, employing approximately 925,000 people. We rank among the top 10 manufacturers in 43 states and represent four percent of the total U.S. manufacturing gross domestic product (GDP).

Finally, attached is a PPRC position paper. This will give you a good feel for the issues that most concern them. As you can see, most are recent EPA major rules that are unachievable and unsustainable for the U.S. pulp, paper and wood products industry.

If a meeting is possible, please feel free to send a reply email including two PPRC representatives (copied here), Matt Hall (matt.hall@smurfitwestrock.com) and Tim Wenger (timothywenger@packagingcorp.com), and please copy me (Paul_Noe@afandpa.org).

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (703) 909-2895.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Best regards,

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