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Subject: Re: Re: Comments requested for the Bay Journal - on deadline for 6 p.m. today

Hi Amy - Got it. Thanks for your prompt response!

Lara

In a message dated 9/22/2017 12:45:12 PM Eastern Standard Time, graham.amy@epa.gov writes:

Hi Lara – Liz passed along your email. Here is our statement that you may attribute to me:

“It's not unprecedented for a new administration to conduct a thorough review of the previous administration's funding decisions, which is currently ongoing for all grants. We are focused on ensuring taxpayer funds are spent responsibly on programs that yield tangible results to protect clean air, land, and water, and as part of that effort, funding for the Bay Journal will now go back into the Chesapeake Bay program to fund other Chesapeake Bay grants.” – Amy Graham, EPA spokesperson

Thanks,

Amy

From: Lara Lutz [mailto:llutz@bayjournal.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Comments requested for the Bay Journal - on deadline for 6 p.m. today

Ms. Bowman,

I am working on an article for the Chesapeake Bay Journal about the EPA decision by John Konkus to cancel the grant to the Bay Journal. I would like to include EPA responses to the questions below and would appreciate your help in providing them. I'm working on a 6 p.m. deadline, if it's easier to call me to discuss this, please feel free to do so. I'm at [Ex. 6]

-- Email correspondence between the EPA and the Bay Journal has described the reason for the cut as a "shift in priorities." Can you provide a more detailed explanation of the priorities that have changed? What are the new priorities and how does that differ from the priorities under which the Bay Journal grant was originally approved?

-- How many contracted/awarded grants have been reviewed in the process conducted by Mr. Konkus and how many of those have been canceled due to a "shift in priorities"? Can you provide a list?

Thanks in advance for your help with these questions. I look forward to hearing from you; if I should be making this request to a different EPA representative, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Lara Lutz

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