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Sent: 10/2/2017 10:48:55 PM
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Subject: RE: Seeking response to comments from Bruce Buckheit

Liz – By way of background, Bruce was EPA’s air enforcement director during part of the time I previously was with EPA. That is the job currently held by Phil Brooks. The air enforcement director works in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and not the Office of Air and Radiation. Bruce worked at DOJ before he joined EPA. He retired while I was at EPA and (I think) has been working part time as a consultant and advisor to environmental advocacy groups.

With regard to CPP, you hit the nail on the head – the rule was stayed by the US Supreme Court soon after it was issued by the Obama EPA. That was the first time in history that the Supreme Court had issued such a stay. The stay clearly signaled the Court’s deep discomfort with the legal viability of the CPP. Any concern about delay of the CPP flows directly from the stay.

As to his allegations of bias, I would say that we were even-handed. For example, we issued stringent emissions limits for non-road vehicles and engines that even NRDC had to acknowledge in the opposition letter that they circulated last week. Our goal was to be smart and efficient in complying with the Clean Air Act and protecting health and the environment.

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 6:36 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Cc: Lyons, Troy; Ringel, Aaron; Palich, Christian
Subject: RE: Seeking response to comments from Bruce Buckheit

Well, first and foremost, CPP isn’t being delayed, it’s stayed in court...can you type up some short responses that I can turn around and send to the reporter? Thank you!

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
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Liz – Here's an inquiry from Morning Consult.

From: Iulia Gheorghiu [<mailto:igheorghiu@morningconsult.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Seeking response to comments from Bruce Buckheit

Hi Mr. Wehrum,

My name is Iulia, I am an energy reporter and I left a message on your direct line about the comments of one of your former colleagues - Bruce Buckheit.

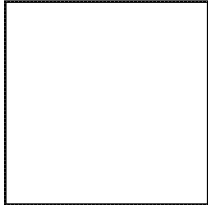
While interviewing former EPA officials about your track record in the office and the importance of the role for which you've been nominated, Mr. Buckheit called your work in the EPA with Jeff Holmstead as being pro-industry and said you are a "true believer" of anti-regulatory dogma. He made several comments to suggest that you will be going to great lengths to delay the enforcement of the Clean Power Plan.

I would like to include a response from you on allegations of being overwhelmingly in support of industry. It's important to me that this piece is reported evenly so I wanted to give you an opportunity to comment. I left my phone number Personal Phone / Ex. 6 in your office voicemail as well.

My deadline is 11 a.m. tomorrow, but I will be at the EPW hearing.

Sincerely,

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