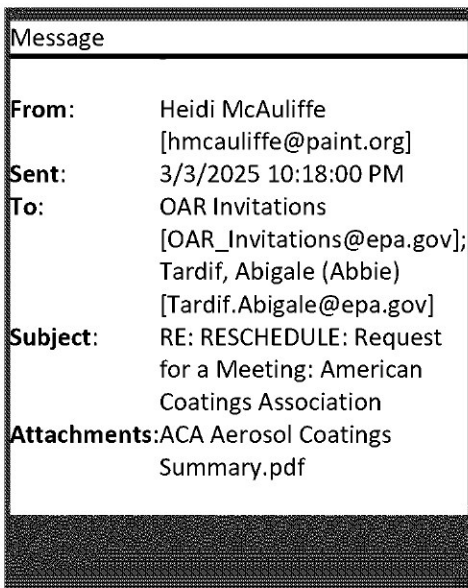




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Dear Abbie,

I just received this message from the Scheduling Team, postponing our meeting until the end of March or early April. I cannot stress enough that this issue is urgent and requires immediate attention from the agency.

Our companies that are most impacted by this very short compliance timeframe need to have some resolution so that they can plan for their business. Every day that goes by makes it more difficult for them to determine how to protect their business relationships.

I know that your schedule is very busy but I hope that we can find some time to connect on this issue this week. My only blackout times are from 12 noon on Tuesday to 12 noon on Wednesday as we have members in town for a meeting. I would be happy to rearrange my schedule to be available any other time this week.

I am attaching a summary of the issue, which was prepared at Kaye Whitfield's request. I will send it to her as well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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From: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 3, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>
Cc: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>
Subject: RESCHEDULE: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association
Importance: High

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Good morning Heidi,

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will need to reschedule your meeting that is currently scheduled for March 7th. The Senior Leadership Team is available on the following dates/times:

1. March 27th 4-4:30pm
2. April 1st 10:30am-11am
3. April 2nd 2pm-2:30pm

Please let us know what works for your group.

Thank you for your flexibility.

OAR Scheduling Team

From: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:06 AM
To: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>
Cc: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>
Subject: Confirmation: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association

Hi Heidi,

I'm emailing to confirm your 30-minute in-person meeting on Friday March 7th at 10am. A valid government-issued ID is required for every in-person attendee. This information will be provided to security prior to your arrival.

Arrival instructions:

Your meeting will be held at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW in the North Building (William Jefferson Clinton complex). Please be sure to arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting (9:45am) to get checked in and clear security. Upon your arrival, please call Emma Zinsmeister at 202-343-9043. She will meet you in the lobby and escort you through the building.

Metro: If you come by Metro get off at the Federal Triangle metro stop. Exit the metro station and go up two sets of escalators to the street level and turn right. You will see a short staircase and wheelchair ramp leading to a set of glass doors with the EPA logo – that is the William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building, North Entrance.

Car: Direct the car service to drop you off on 12th street NW, between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, at the elevator for the Federal Triangle metro stop. Facing the EPA building (EPA logo and American flags), walk toward the building and enter the glass door on your right-hand side with the escalators going down to the metro on your left – that is the lobby of the William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building, North Entrance.

More information regarding visiting HQ: <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-epa-headquarters>

From: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 4:11 PM
To: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>

Cc: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>

Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association

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Thank you for your help in facilitating this meeting. Please reserve Friday, March 7 at 10am Eastern for a meeting with Abbie.

Much appreciated. Please let me know if I need to provide you any additional information.

Best regards, Heidi

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From: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 4:07 PM

To: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>

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Subject: FW: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association

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Hi Heidi,

Thank you for submitting your meeting request (attached for reference). Abbie Tardif from the OAR Senior Leadership team can meet for a 30-minute in-person meeting. The available timeslots are listed below and will be held for 3 business days. Please let me know which timeslot works best for you.

1. Tuesday March 4th 11am EST
2. Friday March 7th 10am EST
3. Wednesday 19th 11:30am EST

Thanks!

From: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:57 AM

To: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association

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Thank you for reaching out to me and providing the form. I have completed it to the best of my ability and will wait to hear from you regarding scheduling a meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all.

Best regards,

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From: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 3:53 PM
To: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>
Cc: OAR Invitations <OAR_Invitations@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association

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Hi Heidi,

We were forwarded your email below regarding a meeting request for the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) front office.

Please fill out the attached external meeting request form, and we will get back to you shortly.

Thanks,
OAR Scheduling Team

From: Heidi McAuliffe <hmcauliffe@paint.org>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2025 11:24 AM
To: Tardif, Abigale (Abbie) <Tardif.Abigale@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for a Meeting: American Coatings Association

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Dear Abbie,

Congratulations on your appointment to EPA. ACA's Air Quality team is eager to meet with you to discuss the priorities of the paint and coatings industry. However, I have a more urgent request for a meeting due to a final rule for aerosol coatings issued on January 17, 2025.

We worked very cooperatively with EPA's rulemaking team on this effort, providing extensive comments over an extended rulemaking timeframe. The issue with the final rule is solely focused on the effective date. As I indicated above, the rule was published in the FR on January 17, 2025, and the effective date is July 17, 2025 – a mere six months. Six months does not give industry members the necessary time to conduct inventory audits, develop formula changes where required, audit labels and make the required changes, and ensure that the distribution chain is informed of the final rule changes. In addition, for companies who private label or toll manufacture aerosol coatings and are required to provide warranties and assurances of compliance with all applicable laws, the six-month compliance period is particularly problematic.

Can we find a time to discuss this in person, or by a virtual means soon? The matter is particularly urgent due to the short time frame for compliance with the rule.

I am happy to answer any questions and look forward to talking with you as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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