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From: Pace, Julie
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 1:00:52 AM
Subject: RE: AP Article: EPA chief met with Dow CEO before deciding on pesticide ban

Hi Liz, let's connect tomorrow. I'm in meetings from about 9:15-11 am but happy to talk before or after. Call my cell: Personal Phone/Ex. 6

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:10 PM
To: Pace, Julie
Cc: Jackson, Ryan; Graham, Amy; Ferguson, Lincoln; Wilcox, Jahan; Biesecker, Michael; Drinkard, Jim
Subject: AP Article: EPA chief met with Dow CEO before deciding on pesticide ban

Dear Ms. Pace:

The article "EPA chief met with Dow CEO before deciding on pesticide ban" ignores facts to mislead readers and support a false premise.

The facts are:

- Administrator Scott Pruitt did not meet privately with Andrew Liveris, the CEO of Dow.
- Mr. Liveris and Administrator Pruitt never had a substantive conversation.
- Mr. Liveris and Administrator Pruitt never talked about chlorpyrifos.

These facts were clearly communicated to Michael Biesecker on June 27, 2017, the day this story was first published, and were subsequently communicated to his editor on this piece, Jim Drinkard, the following day, after the story had not been corrected. This story has yet to be

corrected.

It is my understanding that the Associated Press has an obligation to confirm that a meeting has, in fact, happened before reporting on it. This article is inaccurate and misleading. Despite multiple attempts to provide the Associated Press with the facts, this article has not been corrected.

We respect the role that the news plays in holding us accountable for our decisions, and we expect your organization to hold its reporters and editors to the same standard. We respectfully ask that you retract this story, rather than continue to mislead your readers.

Sincerely,

Liz Bowman

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