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**From:** Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]  
**Sent:** 4/7/2017 5:25:16 PM  
**To:** Stephanie.green@iowa.gov  
**CC:** Jackson, Ryan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=38bc8e18791a47d88a279db2fec8bd60-Jackson, Ry]; Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]; Sarah Greenwalt (greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6c13775b8f424e90802669b87b135024-Greenwalt,]  
**Subject:** FW: Iowa Antidegradation Issue  
**Attachments:** Iowa DNR letter to Michael Shapiro - EPA Office of Water.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Request for reversal of EPA decision to disapprove Iowa (1).docx; ATT00002.htm

Hi Stephanie!

Ryan Jackson forwarded us your request. We are happy to look into this.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett  
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**From:** Jackson, Ryan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 1:23 PM  
**To:** Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>  
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Ryan Jackson  
Chief of Staff  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Groen, Stephanie" <stephanie.groen@iowa.gov>  
**Date:** April 7, 2017 at 11:24:50 AM CDT  
**To:** jackson.ryan@epa.gov  
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Ryan,

My name is Stephanie Groen and I work in Governor Branstad's Federal Relations office in DC. I wanted to follow up on the antidegradation issue that both Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds discussed with Administrator Pruitt during their meeting with him in February.

The State is eager to see resolution of this issue. Is there any other information that you need from me to spur the process along?

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Best,  
Stephanie

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From: **Groen, Stephanie** <[stephanie.groen@iowa.gov](mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov)>

Date: Fri, Mar 3, 2017 at 11:38 AM

Subject: Iowa Antidegradation Issue

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Don and EPA Team,

Thank you, again, for your assistance in coordinating the meeting last week between Administrator Pruitt and Governors Branstad, Dayton, Holcomb, and Lt. Governor Reynolds. My bosses were extremely pleased with how the meeting went and are looking forward to working with Administrator Pruitt over the coming months and years.

On that note, I wanted to follow up with you regarding the antidegradation issue that Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds discussed with the Administrator.

Attached you will find a letter to Michael Shapiro from Jon Tack, the Chief of the Iowa Water Quality Bureau, detailing our request to Administrator Pruitt to reconsider the late-night Obama Administration disapproval of Iowa's revisions to our Antidegradation Implementation Procedures. Administrator Pruitt seemed eager to work with Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds to resolve this issue.

I have also attached some talking points that provide more details on the issue.

We look forward to working with your team and are hopeful for a quick reversal of the decision from the Obama-Administration EPA Team.

Please let me know if there is any further information that you need from me regarding this issue.

Best,  
Stephanie

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