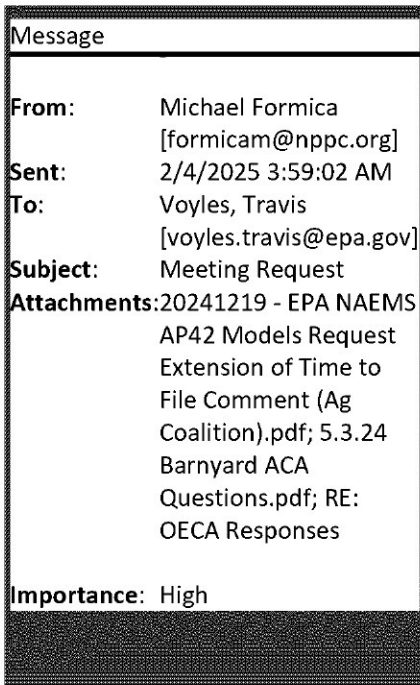




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Mr. Voyles

As discussed, I would like to request a meeting with Senior leadership at EPA to discuss a number of issues that are fast approaching regarding the nation's livestock farmers. Attendees would include representatives of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Dairy Industry, United Egg Producers, US Poultry and Egg Association, and US Pork Industry. The issues include:

1. EPA's pending Meat and Poultry Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELG) in the Office of Water which are due to be finalized in August. <https://www.epa.gov/eg/meat-and-poultry-products-effluent-guidelines-2024-proposed-rule>

As proposed by the Biden Administration, this rule carries a cost of over \$1.16 billion a year, will lead to over 75, mostly small and medium sized, processing plants having to shut down according to EPA's own data, and result in the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs throughout the supply chain. It would also eliminate markets for many livestock farmers, risking localized farm crisis.

2. The status of the National Air Emissions Monitoring Study, and in particular the work of the agency on development of long overdue emission estimating methodologies. <https://www.epa.gov/afos-air/national-air-emissions-monitoring-study#naems-study>

There is currently a comment period open on the latest draft of EPA's models. I requested an extension of the comment period in December, which was partly granted a couple of days prior to President Trump's inauguration. As laid out in the attached extension request letter, there are a number of issues that will be triggered by this process which we believe EPA needs to be more engaged on.

3. The CAFO Rule ELG, the ongoing work of the Animal Ag Water Quality subcommittee that is operating under the Farm Ranch and Rural Communities FACA Committee, and nutrient issues associated with CAFOs in general.

4. PFAS and its impact on agriculture.

Thank you and I look forward to discussing these with you and your team.

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Subject: Extension of Time Request: Livestock AP42 Air Emissions Estimating Methodologies

Importance: High

Administrator Reagan and NAEMS Research Group

On behalf of the National Pork Producers Council, National Milk Producers Federation, US Poultry and Egg Association and the United Egg Producers, please find the attached letter requesting a 180 day extension of time to comment on the draft AP-42 Air Emissions Estimating Methods for Animal Feeding Operations. In addition to this request for time, we are also asking that EPA's Office of General Counsel provide adequate responses to the multiple questions we've raised concerning implementation of the these EEMs, the legal obligations that will arise for signatories under the air consent agreements, and the agencies plan to communicate with the individual farmers who may unknowingly face a series of rapid legal obligations under the air consent agreements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Hope you and your families all have a safe and happy Holidays.

Thank you

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