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Great stuff! We'll definitely share. Thanks for keeping us in the loop.

On Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 3:52 PM, Abboud, Michael <[abboud.michael@epa.gov](mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Wanted to flag this interview from Pruitt on remaking the Agency, including this line from a union official.

“At the same time [Mr. Pruitt] is making these comments, he’s basically doing everything he can to gut the agency of quality personnel,” said John O’Grady, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Council 238, which represents EPA workers. **“They are basically going to break government and then somehow declare victory.”**

I thought you guys might enjoy it. Pruitt also highlighted his intention to speed up permitting processes and transform the “bureaucratic” culture of the agency.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/scott-pruitt-aims-to-accelerate-his-efforts-to-remake-the-epa-1516220866>

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