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Ken, I believe that I mentioned the attached letter of invitation to Administrator Pruitt when we talked a few weeks ago. We have not yet received a reply as to his availability. I also suggested to you that if he was not able to attend and do a Keynote talk, we'd love to have you do the same. We will be in Tulsa for our annual national Underground Injection Control meeting which is done in partnership with the USEPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water. The Keynote address is early Monday morning, February 12, 2018. If your speaking is a possibility, or if you are simply interested in attending, please let me know. We have a number of "issues" you would be interested in.

I will be in D.C. the week immediately after New Years Day doing meetings on the Hill. If you are in D.C. that week and could meet for a briefing on the Ground Water Protection Council state/federal projects and issues, I'd love to do so. I will have 4 states with me if that is of additional interest to you.

Best Regards,

Mike Paque

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The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of the Administrator 1101A  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

The Ground Water Protection Council is gearing up for the 2018 National Underground Injection Control (UIC) Conference, to be held February 11-14, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The GWPC National UIC Conference is the country's premier forum for the latest information about Underground Injection Control, covering topics from both a technical and regulatory perspective. The event is well attended by UIC experts from across the country, including representatives from state and federal government, industry, non-governmental organizations, and academia.

We would be honored if you would be our Keynote speaker during our General Session, Monday, February 12, held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Your remarks would set the tone for the conference, and our attendees would be very interested in hearing about EPA's goals and initiatives under your leadership, especially those related to water (WOTUS), oil and natural gas. Additionally, attendees would be eager to hear about your position related to RCRA Subtitle D. You may recall the GWPC's (and our state members) requests that EPA make an immediate determination that new federal regulations are not necessary. Some of this was conveyed in a letter from StatesFirst, a partnership between the GWPC and the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC).

The GWPC has been a leader in assisting states in the regulation, oversight and management of oil, gas and UIC facilities through the creation of Risk Based Data Management Solutions (RBDMS) programs and FracFocus, used by more than 25 states nationally. One of our most recent successes includes a Seismic App, developed in coordination with the State of Oklahoma, which has given the Oklahoma Corporation Commission staff access to near real-time seismic and injection data allowing for analysis in minutes compared to days. This technology can now be evolved and expanded nationally through a collaboration, improving efficiencies and saving taxpayer dollars. These are just a few of the many examples of how GWPC, through events like the UIC conference, bring people together to proactively find state solutions to environmental and groundwater challenges.

I look forward to a favorable reply. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at 405-516-4972 or by email at [mpaque@gwpc.org](mailto:mpaque@gwpc.org). Your Chief of Staff, Ryan Jackson, is also familiar with our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Paque", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Mike Paque  
Executive Director  
Ground Water Protection Council

Cc: Ryan Jackson, Chief of Staff, Office of the Administrator