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To: Kevin Williams; **Ex. 6**
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Subject: RE: FW: A couple of quick questions

Hi Kevin,

Please attribute our responses to an EPA spokesperson:

Has the change in leadership at the EPA over the past year caused any dialing back of environmental justice priorities?

Under the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt, the US Environmental Protection Agency has continued to demonstrate full support of the environmental justice (EJ) program activities and goals. Most recently, the EPA announced the selection of 38 community based organizations to receiving funding for EJ-related projects, a newly-updated version EJSCREEN (the Agency's screening and mapping tool for environmental justice indicators) was recently updated, and the NEJAC and the Federal Interagency Agency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) continue active operations. Through these and other efforts, we will continue to provide support to communities facing environmental justice challenges, so they can improve health, protect the environment and grow their local economy.

Just sort of for some insight, what do you envision the applications of the screening tools being? (i.e. people researching where they might move, schools for their kids, etc).

Internally, EPA has found many uses for EJSCREEN. These include informing outreach and engagement practices, enhancing geographically based initiatives, and implementing aspects of agency functions such as permitting, enforcement, compliance, and many other programs. EJSCREEN has also found many uses outside of EPA. The tool is used regularly by federal, Tribal, state and local government partners as well as nonprofits and community groups, business and industry, and academia. External uses of EJSCREEN range from informing policy, strategic, and programmatic decisions to crafting outreach tools and educational materials.

From: Kevin Williams; **Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: A couple of quick questions

Hey, thank you so much for being accommodating, I appreciate it, if you can have them to me by COB tomorrow, that would be great, sooner is better, but COB of business tomorrow is OK, that is as late as I'd want to push it - Kevin

On Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 12:39 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

What's asap, for you? Can you wait until COB tomorrow? Or do you need them sooner?

From: Kevin Williams: Ex. 6

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 12:37 PM

To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: FW: A couple of quick questions

Hi, thanks for the response.....there isn't a hard deadline per se, but I do need them asap, do you know when you could get something to me by?

On Mon, Nov 6, 2017 at 12:09 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin, we have your questions below. We are working on them. What's your hard deadline?

I just have a quick question or two, but first...I always throw out my credentials first just so someone knows who I am, credibility, etc, and I figure someone can click the links, not click, etc but it just lets some know who I am.....so skip the next paragraph if you like and I'll get to my reason for writing

My name is Kevin Williams and I am a jack-of-all-trades journalist. I write for The Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/richard-cordray-dodges-questions--again--about-his-political-ambitions/2017/09/04/fd84226e-8f5b-11e7-8df5-c2e5cf46c1e2_story.html?utm_term=.4efeac5a4f10> (another random Post clip <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/richard-cordray-dodges-questions--again--about-his-political-ambitions/2017/09/04/fd84226e-8f5b-11e7-8df5-c2e5cf46c1e2_story.html?utm_term=.4efeac5a4f10>) am a stringer for The New York Times <<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/13/us/james-alex-fields-charlottesville-driver.html>> and have written for USA Today, <<https://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/destinations/2016/08/25/maine-katahdin-woods-waters-national-monument/89333754/>> The Guardian <<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/aug/07/amish-converts-maryland-oldest-settlement>>, and others. I was a regular correspondent for Al-Jazeera America <<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2016/2/21/muslims-appalachia-kentucky.html>> before it folded. I've also done plenty of magazine writing for titles like Delta Airlines Sky Magazine, Cincinnati Magazine, and National Geographic. <<http://theplate.nationalgeographic.com/2016/05/13/got-cretons-if-youre-in-acadian-country-you-better/>>

I am working on an article for American Progress <<https://www.americanprogress.org/>> about the "prison ecology" movement, an activist group looking to make prisons more ecologically friendly places.

In the source of this article I found out about the new EJScreening and mapping tools.

Just a couple of questions:

1) Has the change in leadership at the EPA over the past year caused any dialing back of environmental justice priorities?

2) Just sort of for some insight, what do you envision the applications of the screening tools being? (i.e. people researching where they might move, schools for their kids, etc).

I am on deadline, so if you could get back to me within the next day or so I'd be very appreciative!- Kevin Williams