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From: Alexander Nazaryan [Ex. 6
Sent: 10/23/2017 9:57:47 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=88fd588e97d3405d869bcae98d391984-Wilcox, Jah]
CC: Bowman, Liz [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=c3d4d94d3e4b4b1f80904056703ebc80-Bowman, Eli]; Abboud, Michael [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b6f5af791a1842f1adcc088cbf9ed3ce-Abboud, Mic]; Hewitt, James [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=41b19dd598d340bb8032923d902d4bd1-Hewitt, Jam]
Subject: Re: Here is our statement for Newsweek

Okay, so do one with us.

On Mon, Oct 23, 2017 at 2:55 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:
What do you mean such little press, we just did an interview with Time (20 minutes), Houston Chronicle, Fox 26 Houston, CBS 11 in Lincoln and a radio interview in Nebraska - all last week.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 23, 2017, at 5:35 PM, Alexander Nazaryan <Ex. 6 wrote:

Jahan, I'd like to put in for an interview with Administrator Pruitt. It seems odd to me that a public official does so little press. All I'd like to do is ask him some very basic questions about his vision for the EPA. Thanks.

Alexander

On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 1:21 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

No, this response is to your query.

From: Alexander Nazaryan [Ex. 6
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Here is our statement for Newsweek

I don't think this response is to my query. I was specifically asking about administrator's visits --- or lack thereof -- to EPA regional offices.

On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 12:46 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

On-The-Record Statement ... "We have a great working relationship with career EPA employees. In their own words, Mr. Cox said was planning his retirement before the new administration and Ms. Southerland said she was retiring due to a family issue. Despite the faux outrage, both employees will receive their six-figure taxpayer funded pension and we wish them the best." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND RESEARCH ...

According to career EPA employee Joel Scheraga, he has a great working relationship with EPA employees. "Staff from the EPA's disbanded climate adaptation office are still doing the same work despite moving to different offices a few months ago, the head of the team told POLITICO. An EPA reorganization finalized last week revealed that the agency followed through with a plan set in in the spring to reassign four climate change adaptation employees to two different sections of the Office of Policy, which is run by Samantha Dravis, a longtime political strategist and top aide to Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'Unequivocally, the Office of Policy continues to support work on climate adaptation,' said Joel Scheraga, a veteran EPA employee and the agency's senior adviser for climate adaptation. 'Samantha Dravis has asked me to continue working on climate adaptation issues. The bottom line is that climate adaptation work continues.' ... Scheraga said the agency wants to help make sure that as communities "invest literally billions of dollars in new [water] systems that they in fact are better prepared for these extreme weather events so that they don't overflow so that they don't spill raw sewage into our lakes and streams," for example. 'We work with the communities to provide them with the information and the tools that they have told us they need to address their needs,' Scheraga said. 'They have told us they need to deal with these more intense precipitation events, these storm surges, so that in fact they can continue to protect public health and the environment, again consistent with EPA's mission to ensure that they continue to protect water quality and can provide safe drinking water.' (Politico Pro, 09/11/17)

Michael Cox said his retirement was planned before Administrator Pruitt was nominated and confirmed by the Senate. "Cox said his own retirement had been long planned even before Trump's election, and that he's not aware of any big exodus of EPA staff from the Seattle office." (Seattle Times, 04/12/17)

In an email to an EPA colleague, Betsy Southland said she retired because she found out that she needed to help out with family medical care. "Maybe you did not receive my email about my retirement, but I sent it to you in June as soon as I found out I needed to retire to help out with family medical care." (NTK Network, Email Obtained By FOIA, 07/26/17)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt

Hi Liz, working on a piece about the administrator's relationship to his employees. I heard today that he hasn't visited a single EPA office outside DC. Can you please confirm?

Also, is he aware that the mood inside EPA is "morbid," as it has been described to me? Is he doing anything about that?

Thank you.

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