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Good afternoon. My editor has given me a 2 pm deadline today. Has anyone been able to look at this request?

Thanks,

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Subject: WIRED inquiry on hurricane debris disposal

Date: Thu, 14 Sep 2017 10:45:46 -0400

From: Eric Niiler [Ex. 6]

To: Press <press@epa.gov>

Greetings:

I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:

-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?

-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf>, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?

-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?

-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?

-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

I appreciate your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eric Niiler

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