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**From:** John Paul Jones [John.Jones@conturaenergy.com]  
**Sent:** 9/6/2017 2:01:00 PM  
**To:** Palich, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=330ad62e158d43af93fcbbece930d21a-Palich, Chr]  
**Subject:** RE: help?

Christian,

Good morning. I know you folks are very busy but did you find anyone for us to talk to in GHG Reporting?

Thanks,

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**From:** Rusty Ashcraft [mailto:Rusty.Ashcraft@arlp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** palich.christian@epa.gov  
**Cc:** John Paul Jones <John.Jones@conturaenergy.com>  
**Subject:** help?

Christian

I hope you and Minyet are well and enjoying DC life?

I have copied a good friend of mine.....John Paul Jones (VP, Environmental Affairs) of Contura Energy. Contura was formerly Alpha Natural Resources. John Paul has been having some issues on GHG reporting. Specifically, EPA appears to be rejecting GHG emission data being collected by Contura's contractor vs. MSHA data. As you are aware, MSHA GHG and other data is being collected to ensure that ventilation plans are adequate to protect miners safety. Many companies (including us) rely on this method of data collection for our GHG reporting. However, the rule clearly indicated that you could collect your own data since the purpose of the inventory is to characterize your emissions.....not just the adequacy of ventilation plans?

Contura had been working with an individual who appears to have recently left the EPA GHG reporting Division and this issue unresolved. Attempts to get this issue resolved with remaining staff have failed due to their wish to rely on MSHA data. There are numerous reasons why this data could be different (i.e., rapid changes in Barometric pressure, point of collection, different dates of collection, etc.).

Could you point John Paul in the right direction to get this issue resolved?

His contact information is attached.

Thanks and call me if you need anything?

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