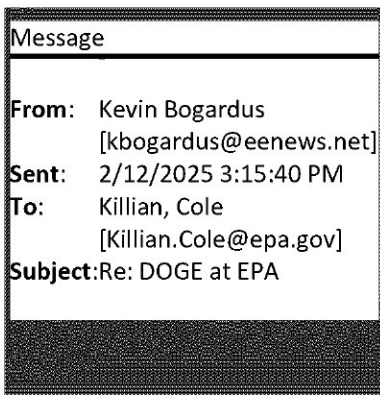




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Hey Killian, it's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News again. Please let me know if you plan to respond to my questions below. My deadline is 11 am ET today so it would be great if you got back to me before then. Thank you for your help and talk to you later!

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Cole,

Hi, it's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News. I hope all is well.

I'm working on a story about the Department of Government Efficiency at EPA. I have viewed an EPA email that describes what DOGE is doing at EPA and names the DOGE aides, including you, assigned to EPA, which I will quote from in my story.

I have a few questions about this, which are:

-- DOGE aides at EPA have been granted "read-only access" to the EPA Acquisition System, or EAS, and are reviewing contracts that they feel may not be in line with President Trump's executive orders, according to the EPA email. In addition, the DOGE aides may be reaching out to contracting officers to request "contract actions" be "terminated."

What "contract actions" at EPA have you requested to be "terminated"?

-- The EPA Acquisition System, or EAS, is EPA's contracting system and contains personal information, which if disclosed could harm someone's professional reputation, according to an EPA privacy impact assessment (please see page 4 of <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-08/eas-revised-pia-npp-final-2021.pdf>).

What steps has EPA taken to ensure that EAS is not compromised? Have you been trained in handling personal information?

-- What other EPA's systems and data have the DOGE aides at EPA been granted "read-only access" to? Have you been granted "read-and-write access" to any EPA's systems and data? If so, which ones?

-- The DOGE aides assigned to EPA include you, Cole Killian, according to the EPA email. I will use information from your entry in the EPA staff directory in my story.

Please share with me any more information you have, such as your bio.

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is 11 am ET today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Please email me at kbogardus@eenews.net or call my cell phone at 202-247-7844. Thank you for your help and talk to you later!

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