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Subject: DOE IG: Biofuel production program lagging, missing targets

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Energy Department watchdogs today highlighted the agency's shortfalls in meeting biofuel production targets set out by Congress — pointing to project terminations and taxpayer dollars expended.

“Despite over 7 years of effort and the expenditure of about \$603 million, the Department had not yet achieved its biorefinery development and production goals,” DOE Inspector General Gregory Friedman wrote in an [audit report](#) released today.

“Additionally, we found that the Department was not on target for achieving its 2014 production capacity goal of 100 million gallons of advanced biofuels. More than half of the projects specifically identified to contribute to the goal were terminated.”

Steven Chalk, the deputy assistant secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy, defended the agency's efforts on the biofuels program but agreed with the IG's recommendations.

Although DOE's Bioenergy Technologies Office met its goal to successfully demonstrate three biorefineries by 2012, inspectors argued that none of those facilities had reached commercial-scale operation but were rather pilot projects.

“The Program's inability to achieve the [Energy Policy Act of 2005] mandate and the original 2014 production capacity goal occurred because selected projects were not at the level of technical readiness needed for commercial development, and, because of poor market and financial conditions,” the audit said.

DOE agreed to pull together an official lessons-learned report by May.

— *Darius Dixon*

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The White House Office of Management and Budget hosted several power company officials and attorneys Monday to hear their take on EPA's upcoming greenhouse gas performance standards for new power plants, according to newly released records.

The [meeting](#) with OMB officials was the 14th meeting of its type since EPA sent its second-round proposal for White House review at the start of the summer.

OMB, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and White House Council on Environmental Quality officials met with attorneys from Hunton + Williams and representatives from DTE Energy, Duke Energy, AEP and Southern Co.

The OMB visitors brought along a copy of the Energy Department's 2012 [Carbon Utilization and Storage Atlas](#), according to the document posted on OMB's website. The viability of carbon capture for coal fired power plants is a central issue for the rule given the likelihood that the administration propose carbon dioxide limits for future coal fired power plants that would require carbon capture.

-- *Erica Martinson*

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management...assisting OMB in ensuring consistency with a long-term financial systems strategy." To this end, FIT has begun to develop and unveil its plans to:

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2. establish a framework and maintain requirements for agency migrations to a shared service model across the Federal Government; and
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In addition, Treasury FIT has announced a timeline for new agencies to become future Federal Financial Management Shared Services Providers (SSPs). Agencies must express an interest in becoming a Federal Financial Management SSP in the October/November timeframe with applications submitted to Treasury by calendar year end. Treasury FIT will evaluate application in the January/March timeframe and propose recommendations to OMB sometime in March.

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Attachments: HECO Request for Expedited Consideration -- EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0234 FINAL.PDF; Transmittal.319862_2.pdf

I will follow up with you on this today

From: Stephen Fotis <scf@vnf.com>
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Joe:
As you know, Hawaiian Electric submitted to EPA additional PM emissions about a month ago on August 14. We believe that this additional data further demonstrates the need to grant Hawaiian Electric's pending Petition for Reconsideration and revise the current PM emissions standard for existing non-continental oil-fired units under the MATS rule.

As you know, Hawaiian Electric is closely watching the clock and wanting to know when we might see a response from EPA on our petition. There are approaching a number of drop dead dates on which Hawaiian Electric needs to know whether, and the extent to which, relief can be obtained for its existing oil-fired units. These "drop dead" dates related to a number of actions that Hawaiian Electric needs to take to ensure it has adequate supplies of diesel to achieve compliance with the current MATS PM limits if, for whatever reason, we are unable to obtain sufficient relief through the reconsideration process.

I have advised Hawaiian Electric that EPA just recently closed the supplemental comment period for the startup – shutdown issues for the MATS rule and that this matter is ahead of us in the queue of MATS reconsideration issues. Can you give us a sense of status and timing with respect to our pending petition? I know how busy you are, but a few minutes of time would be very helpful to getting your take on these process issues. In addition, I wanted to let you know that Hawaiian Electric would like to schedule another meeting with you and other appropriate EPA staff in order to discuss the new emissions data as well as a number of other developments since our last meeting in March. We can be flexible as to the exact timing of our meeting but would like to move forward in getting a date/time on your calendar – mostly in October, unless you think we need to meet sooner.

Thanks for your efforts on this matter and I hope all is well with you.

Best,
Stephen

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By Rachael Bade | 9/11/13 7:42 PM EDT

INCHING TOWARD A SHUTDOWN: GOP PULLS CR FROM THE FLOOR. David Rogers called it well before the announcement: “A stopgap spending bill to avert a shutdown at the end of this month was pulled from the House schedule Wednesday because of continued Republican divisions over how far to go to challenge President Barack Obama on health care reform. A notice sent out by Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) advised members that there will be no vote Thursday as had been expected. Leadership aides insisted that they still hope to act next week. But the GOP is clearly struggling with itself over how best to keep the government operating and placate conservatives who want to cut off all funding for implementing Obama’s signature reforms.”

“... Waiting until next week is not fatal for the House. But it is ominous and shows the struggle facing Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) with his fractious conference. Given all the other problems facing Congress, passing a short-term CR ought not to be so difficult...” <http://politi.co/19IpENI>

NRC CHIEF: WE’RE READY FOR A SHUTDOWN. If lawmakers can’t get a continuing resolution for government spending passed, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be a-OK.

That’s what NRC Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane said Wednesday (hat tip, Darius Dixon): “The folks there [at the NRC] are very conservative and they like to plan carefully for every contingency,” she said at a Platts Energy Podium roundtable discussion when asked about the prospect of a government shutdown. “Be quite assured that they have thought about this and they have a plan in place.” Darius’s full story: <http://politico.pro/15Xc58D>

— Are other agencies prepping for a shutdown? If you know of any, spill: rbade@politico.com

THE COUNT: About 20 days until a shutdown.

YOU’RE READING PRO REPORT. Wednesday’s CR frenzy has finally managed to break through the unrelenting Syria news, catapulting a new topic to lead the policy world, at least for a few hours. ... Both chambers, at least for now, are stepping away from the Syria debate to focus on other pressing issues, now that the Obama administration is giving diplomacy a shot. Always reachable, so keep those tips coming: rbade@politico.com. Or tweet me @[RachaelMBade](https://twitter.com/RachaelMBade) and follow @[POLITICOPro](https://twitter.com/POLITICOPro).

ZUCKERBERG COMES TO WASHINGTON. Anna Palmer and Jake Sherman report: “Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg ... will meet Thursday with Speaker John Boehner and the rest of his leadership team, including House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Whip Kevin McCarthy and Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers. ... While immigration may come up, the meeting is not specifically to discuss comprehensive reform, which Zuckerberg has advocated for, the aide said. ... In the wake of the Edward Snowden scandal, Facebook and other tech companies have been dealing with an onslaught of public and lawmaker scrutiny over what information they turn over to the federal government. Facebook filed a lawsuit earlier this week at the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Court ... to try and push for the ability to release more information about the surveillance orders they receive.” <http://politico.pro/17qszdg>

HOT TICKET THURSDAY: KERRY SITS WITH THE RUSSIANS. The State secretary begins work with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on his country’s Syria disarmament proposal, from Geneva. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the point of the trip was to simply “test the seriousness” of this diplomatic solution. She said Kerry wouldn’t be pressuring Russia to accept a U.N. Security Council resolution to enforce the transfer of chemical weapons militarily, according to POLITICO’s Tal Kopan. More from the State Department: <http://politi.co/17qUycP>

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ISSA TO QUESTION BENGHAZI REVIEWERS. On the one year anniversary of the attack on the Benghazi consulate, House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) announced he’s hauling to his panel the two men who conducted a review of the assault and offered only mild criticism of the State Department’s handling of the situation: Admiral Mike Mullen and Ambassador Thomas Pickering. Our Ginger Gibson reports that they’ll come to the Hill Sept. 19 to answer GOP questions about why their investigation didn’t even question key witnesses — and why people weren’t punished for negligence. The panel interviewed both behind closed doors in June. The upcoming public hearing isn’t likely to be any more pleasant. Get it from Ginger: <http://politi.co/13MXqQC>

WASHINGTON REMEMBERS. Under the blazing sun, in 90-degree weather, dozens of lawmakers gathered on the east steps at the Capitol Wednesday to honor the victims of Sept. 11. They all carried mini flags. Some, like Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Texas) and Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), tucked them in their left-chest suit pockets over their hearts. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) recounted his experiences that morning, recalling the exact bill number the Senate was debating when an officer rushed into a meeting he was attending to warn: “There’s a plane headed for the Capitol.” Boehner quoted Isaiah from the Bible, saying whenever we feel “weary” we should think of the courage of those who were compelled to “run up the stairwells and charge the cockpit” on that fateful day.

— **Across town, Obama addressed crowds at the Pentagon:** “Today we remember not only those who died that September day. We pay solemn tribute to more than 6,700 patriots who have given their full measure since — military and civilians. ... We see their legacy in the friendships they forged, the attacks they prevented, the innocent lives they saved and in their comrades in Afghanistan who are completing the mission and who by the end of next year will have helped to end this war.” The Washington Post has more: <http://wapo.st/18PU8f7>

— **But Washington wasn’t alone.** Here’s the Wall Street Journal with a wrap-up of the day of remembrance, nationwide: <http://on.wsj.com/1aD3y3s>

OFF THE HOOK? KINDA. The House Ethics Committee on Wednesday said it won’t pursue full-scale investigations into various accusations relating to Reps. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), Peter Roskam (R-Ill.), John Tierney (D-Mass.) and Tim Bishop (D-N.Y.). It totally threw out the case against Tierney; but it will continue reviewing the other three. Our Congress veteran John Bresnahan contextualizes, saying the “continued reviews” are “the latest in a growing trend by the panel. The committee has declined to empanel special investigative subcommittees to handle these matters, but then also has refused to end their investigations outright. The cases then sit in limbo, although based on past practice, the members face little chance of sanction by the committee.” Read on: <http://politi.co/17XjKXB>

ON PRO TODAY —

SENATE MOVES TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY BILL. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) announced Wednesday the chamber will turn from Syria to Sens. Jeanne Shaheen's (D-N.H.) and Rob Portman's (R-Ohio) energy efficiency bill. Now, the question turns to amendments, and which will be allowed. Andrew Restuccia reported for Pro that although senators began talking about amendments Wednesday afternoon on the floor, it remained unclear whether Reid would allow votes on controversial amendments related to the Keystone XL oil pipeline and EPA regulations.

— **Andrew also spots another roadblock:** “Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) objected to lawmakers’ efforts to bring up a series of bipartisan amendments to the bill, a move that essentially halted progress on the legislation — at least temporarily. Vitter said he wouldn’t allow lawmakers to move forward on the amendments until he gets an agreement to allow for a vote on his own Obamacare-related amendment. Vitter allowed discussion of the amendments. But he objected to any move to make the amendments pending, which prevented lawmakers from moving forward with the amendments.” <http://politico.pro/14MoP2u>

— **Ceasefire on Syria:** Reid and McConnell have agreed that no Syria amendments will be allowed during the energy-efficiency debate, Ramsey Cox at The Hill reports. <http://bit.ly/1eEMeAF>

SPEAKING OF KEYSTONE —

WHAT WOULD A KEYSTONE DEAL LOOK LIKE? Andrew hazards a guess: “Canadian leaders are signaling their desire for a deal that could win U.S. approval of the Keystone XL pipeline in return for limiting the climate impacts of the northern nation’s oil sands production. But what specific steps could Canada offer? Analysts see several possibilities, including requirements for advanced carbon capture technology and new greenhouse gas limits on the Canadian oil and gas sector. ...

“Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver told reporters Monday that his government is willing to take new steps to make oil sands production less climate-intensive, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper wrote to President Barack Obama last month proposing joint action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the oil sector. While neither Oliver nor Harper has gone public with details, Canada’s options could include offering incentives for companies to capture and store the emissions that power plants generate during the energy-intensive oil sands development process.” <http://politico.pro/13NEQbk>

WATER BILL BACKERS MAKE THEIR PITCH. Scott Wong reports for Pros after the House dropped its version of the bill Wednesday: “Less wonk. More real-world relevance. That could be the new slogan for the lawmakers and lobbyists trying to pass the House’s first massive water and infrastructure bill since 2007. The strategy: Emphasize the impact the bill will have on people’s everyday lives, including their clothing, home appliances and jobs. Expect to hear that message a lot as House Transportation Committee bosses continue rolling out their version of the Water Resources and Reform Development Act this week.

“... In an animated YouTube video posted Wednesday, Shuster explains that the water bill is essential to household goods that are transported through the nation’s ports and waterways, from cereal and clothing to kitchen appliances. His committee is also distributing a user-friendly booklet about the bill for constituents, lawmakers and stakeholders. And the U.S. Chamber of Commerce this week unveiled a 50-state fact sheet detailing exactly how many jobs and billions of dollars in commerce can be traced to each state’s ports and waterways.” <http://politico.pro/14G8gdX>

IN OR OUT? STATES INDECISIVE ON MEDICAID. Obamacare sign-ups begin in about 20 days — but a number of states haven’t decided whether they’ll participate in the law’s optional Medicaid expansion, Pro Health’s Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman report: “Most have decided, generally along predictable partisan lines, but several are stuck. There’s nothing to keep states from joining the program later, but those that delay will miss out on some of the federal cash. Washington is picking up the full tab for expansion through 2016 and

then gradually phasing back to paying 90 percent.” Indiana, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania and more:
<http://politico.pro/1eiw0sI>

ON TAP THURSDAY: Pro Technology talks the future of the Internet and where it intersects with government with Playbook star Mike Allen and Pro Deputy Technology Editor Eric Engleman. That’s at 8 a.m. at the Mayflower Hotel. ... At 9 a.m., the House Financial Services Committee and CFPB Director Richard Cordray take a look at the semiannual CFPB report. ... The Israel Policy Forum is doing a conference call at noon on Syria, with Aaron David Miller, vice president of the Woodrow Wilson Center.

ON TAP WEDNESDAY NIGHT: CDC Director Tom Frieden will be the keynote speaker at the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America annual Research & Hope Awards.

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POLICY AROUND THE WEB:

— A new U.N. report details how both the Syrian government and rebels have participated in war crimes and crimes against humanity, including torture, rape and mass murder, during the civil war. The New York Times summarizes the main findings: <http://nyti.ms/17QH0bA>

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By Darius Dixon | 9/11/13 4:00 PM EDT

Even if the federal government shuts down at the end of month, the NRC is prepared for the worst, Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane said Wednesday.

“The folks there [at the NRC] are very conservative and they like to plan carefully for every contingency,” she told reporters at a Platts Energy Podium roundtable discussion when asked about the prospect of a government shutdown. “Be quite assured that they have thought about this and they have a plan in place.”

On Wednesday afternoon, GOP leadership in the House have been [slowed somewhat](#) by the across-the-board sequestration cuts that went into effect earlier this year, Macfarlane said.

“We have a large workload and we’re obviously working under sequestration, which has really been the real impact on us and what we can achieve,” she said.

Although there haven’t been layoffs or furloughs at the NRC, sequestration has taken its toll on some of the work that lies outside its core safety objectives.

“We are maintaining our mission-critical work, which is ensuring the safety and security of the facilities that we oversee,” Macfarlane said. “But some things like license applications, etc., have been slowed down a little bit because of that, because of sequestration.”

But the agency is still on track to complete its work to develop a new Waste Confidence rule and a related generic environmental assessment, which will govern how nuclear waste is stored at reactor sites across the country, by September 2014, she said. The NRC has released a draft of the environmental assessment and is expected to release a proposed rule this Friday.

Macfarlane also addressed a problem closer to the home for the agency: office space, which is an “urgent situation.”

Although the federal government owns the NRC’s central White Flint One building at its Rockville, Md., headquarters, it leases space in two neighboring buildings. But Congress, Macfarlane said, is “not so inclined at the moment” to renew its lease that expires in three months for the second building.

That building has some unique facilities for the NRC, she said, noting that hearing rooms for the agency’s Atomic Safety and Licensing Board and Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards reside there.

With [lawmakers](#) on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee looking to shed NRC’s Building Two, Macfarlane said the agency has proposed renting out half of Building Three to other federal agencies in exchange for keeping Building Two.

“We need to work on this pretty urgently,” Macfarlane said, hoping the “two-and-a-half building solution” can get through Congress.[back](#)

Zuckerberg to meet with top four House Republicans [back](#)

By Anna Palmer and Jake Sherman | 9/11/13 11:52 AM EDT

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg will meet with the top four House Republicans next week in Washington.

The high tech CEO's visit comes as Facebook is facing ongoing scrutiny over privacy concerns and Internet safety.

Zuckerberg will meet Thursday with Speaker John Boehner and the rest of his leadership team, including House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Whip Kevin McCarthy and Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers.

The meeting is expected to be a broad discussion of issues related to Facebook, according to a GOP aide. While immigration may come up, the meeting is not specifically to discuss comprehensive reform, which Zuckerberg has advocated for, the aide said.

Facebook did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In the wake of the Edward Snowden scandal, Facebook and other tech companies have been dealing with an onslaught of public and lawmaker scrutiny over what information they turn over to the federal government. Facebook filed a lawsuit earlier this week at the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, joining Google and Microsoft, to try and push for the ability to release more information about the surveillance orders they receive.

The meeting comes as Zuckerberg, himself, has become more political, joining with other tech execs to form an issue advocacy group, Fwd.US, that has focused primarily on passing comprehensive immigration reform. Earlier this year, he also hosted a fundraiser for New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie at his home.

In addition to contributing \$15,000 to Facebook's political action committee Zuckerberg has also contributed heavily to Newark Mayor Cory Booker's senate bid, writing a check in mid-June to his campaign for \$10,400.

Facebook spent \$3.5 million on lobbying during the first half of 2013 with several lobbying firms on retainer, including Elmendorf Ryan, Patton Boggs, Peck Madigan Jones, Steptoe & Johnson and Stewart Strategies and Solutions.[back](#)

Efficiency bill hits roadblock: Vitter's ACA amendment [back](#)

By Andrew Restuccia | 9/11/13 5:21 PM EDT

Almost as soon as it came to the Senate floor Wednesday, bipartisan energy-efficiency legislation hit a roadblock.

Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) objected to lawmakers' efforts to bring up a series of bipartisan amendments to the bill, a move that essentially halted progress on the legislation — at least temporarily.

Vitter said he wouldn't allow lawmakers to move forward on the amendments until he gets an agreement to allow for a vote on his own Obamacare-related amendment.

Vitter allowed discussion of the amendments. But he objected to any move to make the amendments pending, which prevented lawmakers from moving forward with the amendments.

"We can bring amendments to the floor, we can talk about them, we can have a full debate on any amendment folks want to bring to the floor," Vitter said.

"We can basically do all of the substantive debate on the amendments," he continued. "The only thing I'm talking about is a technicality that is making any amendment pending."

The efficiency bill's supporters continued to tout the legislation on the floor while an agreement was being worked out on Vitter's Obamacare amendment.

"I do hope we can work out our differences on other amendments that are not relevant to the debate," said Sen. Rob Portman, the co-author of the efficiency bill.

Wednesday's rough start capped years of intense negotiations aimed at bringing the efficiency legislation to the floor. Portman and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, the other author of the bill, won the buy-in of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle as well as a diverse range of efficiency, environmental and industry groups.

It wasn't an easy task, however. The senators had to remove some of the bill's key provisions to assuage concerns about government mandates and cost.

Still, Shaheen, Portman and their supporters praised Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid for bringing the bill to the floor, even as the chamber prepares for major debates on Syria, the debt ceiling and a continuing resolution. It's the first time major energy legislation has been debated on the floor since 2007.

While the legislation is expected to pass, it faces a rocky road through the Senate. Aides told POLITICO on Wednesday afternoon that while there are about a dozen bipartisan amendments to the bill, they are still working on a deal for other amendments.

It remains unclear if Republicans will secure amendment votes on more contentious issues like the Keystone XL oil pipeline and EPA regulations.

Sen. John Barrasso already filed two amendments that could cause some fireworks.

One amendment would prevent any federal agency from promulgating regulations "relating to power sector carbon pollution standards or any substantially similar regulation" without congressional approval.

He also filed an amendment preventing the administration from considering the "social cost of carbon" in implementing the efficiency bill without moving forward with a formal rulemaking on the cost figure.

It's unclear if the amendments will actually get a vote.

Sen. John Hoeven, who has said he may offer an amendment aimed at approving Keystone, said Tuesday he has not yet decided how he'll proceed. His office did not respond to questions from POLITICO on Wednesday.[back](#)

What would a Keystone deal look like? [back](#)

By Andrew Restuccia | 9/11/13 4:48 PM EDT

Canadian leaders are signaling their desire for a deal that could win U.S. approval of the Keystone XL pipeline in return for limiting the climate impacts of the northern nation's oil sands production.

But what specific steps could Canada offer? Analysts see several possibilities, including requirements for advanced carbon capture technology and new greenhouse gas limits on the Canadian oil and gas sector.

Some experts say the Canadians are so motivated to see the oil pipeline approved that the U.S. has significant leverage to win concessions that would help deal with climate change.

Approving Keystone would result in a “huge windfall for Canada, for Alberta and the oil companies,” said Paul Bledsoe, a senior fellow on energy and climate at the German Marshall Fund and a former Clinton White House aide. “And it’s not unreasonable, it seems to me, for the United States to bargain very hard to push them to use a small part of that windfall to develop broadly applicable technologies to deal with climate change.”

Climate activists counter that nothing Canada does would make up for the enormous amounts of carbon dioxide that would be unleashed if Keystone is built. They say the Canadian government is already lagging on fulfilling its existing environmental promises.

Still, Canadian officials appear increasingly willing to work with the United States in an effort to secure a Keystone approval. Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver [told reporters](#) Monday that his government is willing to take new steps to make oil sands production less climate-intensive, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper [wrote](#) to President Barack Obama last month proposing joint action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the oil sector.

While neither Oliver nor Harper has gone public with details, Canada’s options could include offering incentives for companies to capture and store the emissions that power plants generate during the energy-intensive oil sands development process.

“As oil sands production increases, they’re going to need more electric power to produce the sands,” Bledsoe said. “Canada could get together with major corporations who are already looking at this and initiate the building of several ground-breaking power plants with this technology. That’s the kind of breakthrough we’re going to need to really lower emissions.”

Any agreement between the U.S. and Canada has to be broadly applicable and can’t focus just on the oil sands, Bledsoe argued.

“The investments can’t just be about producing more oil sands,” he said. “What does that get for the environmental community or ultimately the environment? The reductions have to have broader applications.”

Advanced carbon capture and storage technology, Bledsoe said, could be used at power plants across Canada and the United States, a development that would “have long-term value on climate change.” The technology has been slow to reach commercialization, but it may become essential if many U.S. coal-fired power plants are to continue operating under the Obama administration’s pending climate change regulations.

Canadian officials have often pointed to Shell’s Quest CCS project, which the company says would capture more than a million tons of carbon dioxide per year from its oil sands operations in Alberta. The project is still under development, and Shell says storage of carbon dioxide at the site won’t begin until around 2015.

Other steps Canada could take include imposing tighter emissions reduction goals, issuing new greenhouse gas regulations on the oil and gas sector or setting goals to increase energy efficiency, according to those following the issue. One observer envisioned a scenario in which Obama approves the pipeline and simultaneously outlines a joint U.S.-Canada proposal to tackle emissions from oil sands production over a specified timeline.

Such a move would allow the president some political cover following his June declaration that the U.S. should approve the pipeline only if it “does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution.”

“It would probably garner a lot of capital in Washington if the Canadian government said, ‘Yes, we know there are some issues with the oil sands ... and we’re going to take concrete steps to address them,’” said Nik Nanos, a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center.

Nanos, in [a paper](#) published late last month, found based on polling that significant support exists in Canada and the United States for Keystone, “but the positive impression scores are lower than support for approval.” In other words, the paper says, “The public does not necessarily embrace the project but believes it should be approved.”

Nanos added that the U.S.-Canada energy relationship needs to be about more than just Keystone.

“One of the political traps that Canada has fallen into right now is that [Keystone has] ... become the signature energy project that is defining the Canada-U.S. energy relationship,” Nanos said. “I think it’s in the best interest of Canada and the United States to have a broader discussion, rather than just being a referendum on the Keystone pipeline.”

But environmental groups opposed to Keystone say the U.S. shouldn’t trust Canada to take meaningful steps to reduce the environmental impact of oil sands development.

“This is clearly a last-ditch attempt to convince the U.S. to take our tar sands oil,” said Gillian McEachern, campaigns director at the Canadian environmental group Environmental Defence. “And it’s because the oil industry and our government is becoming increasingly desperate because no matter what way they try to build these pipelines, they face opposition.”

Canadian officials have long promised to take new measures to tackle climate change, including by imposing oil-sector-specific standards. But McEachern said those standards are long delayed. And she added, “In cases where the government has acted to put in place relatively lenient rules we see the industry ignoring them.”

“Canada could promise the moon in exchange for a pipeline approval and then deliver nothing,” she said.

The most effective way to mitigate the climate impact of the oil sands is by capping production, said Danielle Droitsch, Canada Project director at the Natural Resources Defense Council. But she noted that such a move is not under discussion.

“You cannot simultaneously expand this incredibly carbon-intensive sector and then turn around and promise the American government, ‘Oh yes, we’re going to address these problems, trust us,’” she said. “The quid pro quo doesn’t make any sense.”

It’s possible to lower the carbon intensity of oil sands production through carbon capture and storage. But the Canadian government would need to put in place significant climate change policies to drive the adoption and development of the technology.

“What’s being actively discussed by industry and government still falls well short of what is needed,” Droitsch said.[back](#)

Water bill backers ramp up sales pitch [back](#)

By Scott Wong | 9/11/13 2:37 PM EDT

Less wonk. More real-world relevance.

That could be the new slogan for the lawmakers and lobbyists trying to pass the House’s first massive water and infrastructure bill since 2007.

The strategy: Emphasize the impact the bill will have on people's everyday lives, including their clothing, home appliances and jobs.

Expect to hear that message a lot as House Transportation Committee bosses continue rolling out their version of the Water Resources and Reform Development Act this week.

The Senate [passed](#) its own \$12 billion water bill by an 83-14 vote in May, using the legislation's traditional name (the Water Resources Development Act) and a much-debated strategy for getting around Congress's ban on earmarks. House Transportation Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) added the word "Reform," signaling his intent to limit costs and cut back on the notoriously long timelines of the Army Corps of Engineers' project reviews.

Beyond those complexities, supporters' challenge is to communicate their message to newer lawmakers who weren't around the last time Congress approved a WRDA bill — and to average Americans who may not have been paying attention back then.

Their other hurdle: How to keep the water bill on track as budget battles, immigration and possible action on Syria vie for lawmakers' attention this month.

In an animated [YouTube video](#) posted Wednesday, Shuster explains that the water bill is essential to household goods that are transported through the nation's ports and waterways, from cereal and clothing to kitchen appliances. His committee is also distributing a user-friendly [booklet](#) about the bill for constituents, lawmakers and stakeholders.

And the U.S. Chamber of Commerce this week unveiled a [50-state fact sheet](#) detailing exactly how many jobs and billions of dollars in commerce can be traced to each state's ports and waterways.

"We needed something on a state-by-state basis that essentially explains how waterways and ports contribute to the economic vitality of the United States," said Janet Kavinoky, the chamber's executive director for transportation and infrastructure.

"It's more of an education process for folks on Capitol Hill who have never done a WRDA bill," she added. "It's something less wonky, more relevant that we can use to explain that this is a big piece of the economy."

After months of delays, work is finally picking up on the House's version. At Wednesday's news conference, Shuster joined committee ranking member Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) and other co-authors in introducing the House bill, which would authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to tackle billions of dollars worth of dredging, flood protection and environmental projects.

The House transportation panel will hold a markup on Sept. 19.

House Majority Leader Eric Cantor has carved out floor time for the bill during the fall agenda, saying in a [memo](#) that the bill "cuts federal red tape and bureaucracy, streamlines the project delivery process, improves competitiveness, strengthens water resources infrastructure and promotes fiscal responsibility. Most importantly, WRRDA contains no earmarks."

Among other highlights of the bill: The Army Corps' review times for projects would be limited to three years while \$3 million caps would be placed on how much the government can spend on the studies. And like the Senate bill, the House plan establishes a process to deauthorize at least \$12 billion worth of inactive projects on the corps' long to-do list.

“We have good reforms in there that need to happen,” Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio), the chairman of the House Transportation subcommittee that oversees water issues, told POLITICO. “If we don’t do WRRDA, we’re gonna have projects in there that will actually stop at the end of this year and add to the costs and delays.”

The chamber’s 50-state report highlights exactly what’s at stake in lawmakers’ backyards. For example, the fact sheet for Florida says waterways and four major ports support nearly 120,000 direct and indirect jobs in the state and contribute more than \$23 billion a year to the Sunshine State’s economy. Direct jobs include longshoremen, terminal operators, truckers and freight forwarders.

Even in landlocked Idaho, waterways and ports back nearly 10,000 jobs and contribute \$1.6 billion to the economy, the chamber says.

“Obviously, doing WRRDA and getting these projects going creates jobs, but it also creates jobs in the future because we’ve got a more efficient system,” Gibbs said. “If the river system is shutting down or there are slowdowns and stuff is not moving through like it should, there is a ripple effect through the whole economy.”

Shuster’s video, a nod to Schoolhouse Rock’s beloved “How a Bill Becomes a Law” [cartoon](#), illustrates how a wonky acronym like WRRDA affects kitchen-table issues for families.

“It’s a bill that’s essential to our everyday life,” the chairman narrates in the video, which features a drawing of a man sitting in his kitchen. “You see, we are surrounded by the goods that travel through our ports and waterways, goods that start off our day, goods that feed us.”

“Imagine what life would be like without this commerce,” he continues. “Many of the things you rely on wouldn’t be available, including the cereal we eat, the appliances we cook with and even the clothes we wear.”

Until now, not much had leaked out about the House bill, a signal that committee Republicans and Democrats have been working well together, observers said. And despite Washington’s obsession right now with the Syria situation, supporters said they’re committed to seeing the WRRDA bill through.

The water bill “is not getting the attention and focus it needs in the larger aspect of Congress,” Rep. Frederica Wilson (D-Fla.), whose district includes PortMiami, told POLITICO. “But in the committee work, it should still stay on target.”

Adam Snider contributed to this report. [back](#)

States still pondering Medicaid decision [back](#)

By Kyle Cheney and Jason Millman | 9/11/13 2:38 PM EDT

Obamacare signup starts less than a month from now but a few states are still answering a basic question: Are they in, or are they out of the law’s massive expansion of Medicaid?

Legislatures in pivotal swing states like Ohio and Pennsylvania are dusting off their gavels from summer recess and diving back into the high-stakes Medicaid debate over whether to extend health coverage to hundreds of thousands of low-income Americans. Others are looking at ballot measures to spur action because lawmakers won’t convene again until next year.

The prolonged uncertainty stems from the Supreme Court’s 2012 decision to make Medicaid expansion optional for states. Most have decided, generally along predictable partisan lines, but several are stuck.

There's nothing to keep states from joining the program later, but those that delay will miss out on some of the federal cash. Washington is picking up the full tab for expansion through 2016 and then gradually phasing back to paying 90 percent.

Here's a look at emerging themes in this unfinished chapter of Obamacare.

1) The “we need more time” states

Indiana and Oklahoma, considered unlikely candidates to embrace Medicaid expansion, recently announced deals with the White House to temporarily extend existing state-run programs for low-income residents. These programs don't meet all the Obamacare requirements but CMS backed them for at least another year under the assumption that both states would keep talking about terms for accepting Medicaid expansion — and the billions of federal dollars that come with it.

In both of the states, the programs are funded by tobacco taxes and enrollment is capped. That means hundreds of thousands of low-income uninsured residents will likely remain without health coverage in 2014 — even as poor people gain coverage in other states.

2) The “let the voters decide” states

Fed-up expansion advocates are preparing to take their case to voters in Ohio and Montana, where Republican legislatures have stymied attempts to adopt expansion despite supportive governors.

If proponents successfully place the issue on the ballot, states may become magnets for outside interests warring over the health law. A 2014 ballot initiative in Ohio, in particular, could become a kind of swing state audition for potential 2016 presidential candidates.

In Montana, the Medicaid expansion was blocked when one Democratic state lawmaker voted no — by accident — earlier this year. And, barring an unlikely special session, the Legislature doesn't convene again until 2015. So some Obamacare advocates want a ballot initiative to jumpstart expansion. But it could also go the other way if outside opponents come in with open checkbooks.

“Montana would likely be faced with a lot of outside money coming in, and we're a cheap date,” said state Sen. Dave Wanzon, a Democrat. “It's pretty easy in this state to spend a lot of money to kill something.”

In both states, a prolonged ballot initiative fight could keep Obamacare fires burning right through the 2014 election — including the race for the open Senate seat in Montana created by the retirement of Max Baucus, who helped write the health law.

Opponents of Arizona's decision to expand Medicaid were seeking to beat a late Wednesday deadline to give the voters a chance to repeal it in 2014. But there were signs they might fall short.

3) The 2013 procrastinators

Ohio fits in this category too, along with Pennsylvania and New Hampshire. Ohio state legislative leaders say there's still a chance they'll get to Medicaid in the waning hours of the 2013 session.

Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, a pair of purple states, are also in the mix for 11th-hour maneuvers. They've both resisted expansion, and both of their Legislatures are due to return to action by early October. Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett has been an expansion critic but hasn't entirely ruled it out, especially if accompanied by significant reforms.

A Pennsylvania Obamacare advocate told a congressional health subcommittee on Tuesday that the state has been reluctant to approach all things Obamacare.

“Instead of working in the best interest of our commonwealth, Pennsylvania has been slow to implement the [law],” Pennsylvania Health Access Network Director Antoinette Kraus told the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee.

New Hampshire’s first-year Gov. Maggie Hassan has joined with fellow Democrats to support expansion, but she’s been stymied so far by the Republican-led State Senate. New Hampshire lawmakers have adjourned for the year, but authorized a commission of legislators to deliver an expansion recommendation by Oct. 15. Leaders haven’t committed to calling members back to act on that recommendation before the new year, but expansion advocates — including Hassan — have kept hope alive.

Michigan had been in the procrastinator club, but it endorsed Medicaid expansion when lawmakers returned in late August. Gov. Rick Snyder, an expansion supporter, is expected to sign it shortly. And the turnaround in Michigan encouraged advocates in the other still-pondering states.

4) The “who knows?” states

These are the wild cards of the bunch. They could tip either way depending on the political winds in 2014 — or how hard the lobbying interests in their states push.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam is negotiating with the Obama administration about an acceptable version of Medicaid expansion, but there have been few public signs of progress recently. He met with federal Medicaid officials in Washington as recently as late August to discuss conservative versions — including the possibility of using federal dollars to purchase private plans, as Arkansas is doing — but remained noncommittal.

“He didn’t expect to come away with a definitive answer from these meetings, but these are part of the continuing conversations the governor and administration have been having with [HHS] and CMS,” Haslam spokesman Dave Smith said at the time.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert has seen a commission report on expansion but postponed his decision until 2014. Republican governors in Wyoming, Idaho and South Dakota have suggested they’ll take a fresh look in early 2014, when part-time lawmakers return for short sessions. That would be too late for the Jan. 1 start of Obamacare coverage, but they could still open expansion sometime during 2014.

And in Virginia, the recommendation of a special commission tasked with deciding on Medicaid expansion — only after certain reform benchmarks are achieved — could hinge on the outcome of the hotly contested gubernatorial election this November. Republican Ken Cuccinelli opposes Medicaid expansion, while Democrat Terry McAuliffe backs it. Regardless of the election or special commission’s ultimate decision, lawmakers will devote attention to Medicaid next year.

Some experts predict that the vast majority of the undecided states will ultimately sign up for Medicaid expansion, if only because the coalition of supporters is so powerful. Hospitals, business groups, medical organizations, public health advocates and pro-Obamacare organizations have banded together to muscle the issue through in these states, not wanting to leave federal money on the table.[back](#)

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FYI. Interesting article. They've got me quoted at the back end from the call we did with states where I answered the questions they had. No problems that I see, though I'll avoid using "oh my goodness" in the future. ☺

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State environmental officials who will play a key role implementing EPA's greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for existing power plants are preparing for its upcoming release and eventual implementation, even those from states that continue to challenge its legality.

A source familiar with discussions among state regulators says while not all states agree that the Obama administration should be proceeding with GHG new source performance standards (NSPS) for existing plants, "the assumption is that the administration is going ahead, and if so, then how should the states respond?"

To make states' positions clear, the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), representing 45 state environmental secretaries, is developing "principles" for consideration at its meeting in Arlington, VA, next week that states would like EPA to follow as it develops NSPS standards to limit carbon dioxide (CO₂) at existing power plants.

A draft of the resolution is in discussion among members of ECOS' Climate and Energy Subcommittee. The resolution – the only new one on [ECOS' agenda](#) for its upcoming meeting – is currently being discussed by members of the subcommittee, who would have to reach an agreement on language before it can go to the full ECOS membership for a vote.

The resolution, which is on the Sept. 17 agenda, will not seek to include technical or policy-specific recommendations for EPA's forthcoming NSPS. Instead it will address overarching themes, such as a call for the rule to include flexibilities for states to achieve targets in the most cost-effective way, and to protect existing state CO₂ trading programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Institute (RGGI) and a California climate law, according to the source familiar with discussions on the resolution.

"We're not fighting the predicate question of [should they] proceed," says the source. "If they are, then these are the principles we think" are necessary to help "make sure everyone tries to find the best solution."

ECOS' effort comes as EPA is in the early stages of crafting a proposed NSPS for existing plants under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The rarely used provision of the law creates a key role for states as EPA issues guidelines for them to adopt through what is expected to be a state implementation plan (SIP)-like process.

But there is significant legal uncertainty about the use of 111(d), including whether it allows regulators to use more-flexible "beyond the fence" measures to limit GHGs, such as energy efficiency and demand management, and whether permits that EPA and states have issued so far will have a bearing on the stringency of EPA's rule.

President Obama required the agency to issue a proposed NSPS for existing sources by June 2014 and finalize it by June 2015. States are required to submit their compliance plans for EPA approval a year later, six months before the end of the administration.

New Sources

Obama also ordered EPA to repropose by Sept. 20 its NSPS for new sources under section 111(b), the action is expected to have a significant impact on the stringency of the standards EPA sets for existing units. An EPA official said Sept. 9 that the agency is on target to release its re-proposed NSPS for new facilities on Sept. 20, as directed by the president. "We are definitely on track," the official said.

On the eve of EPA issuing the re-proposed rule, many in the coal sector are [lobbying the administration](#) in an effort to prevent EPA from proposing standards that require installation of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technologies.

At the same time, the agency has been conducting major outreach to states and other groups urging them to provide input as officials craft the existing source proposal.

During an [Aug. 27 webinar](#), EPA asked states for suggestions that "might fit" in the rules including fuel switching, cutting energy demand through efficiency programs, dispatching electricity demand to utilities with the lowest carbon emissions and creating renewable energy portfolios.

To date, states have said little publicly so far about what they believe EPA can or cannot do under 111(d) but during a Sept. 9 conference call, state officials asked a number of questions about the pending NSPS, including how the agency would address biogenic CO2 emissions, whether it would allow trading and how EPA intends to coordinate the rule with electricity regulators.

At this point, the agency's outreach is focused on developing a broad understanding of the mechanics of section 111(d) and agency officials are scheduled to hold a closed-door session at ECOS Sept. 15 to provide an opportunity for states to ask EPA officials more questions about the rulemaking.

Yet agency officials are not yet providing answers to any of the states' substantive questions. Instead, EPA is seeking to bring states and others into the discussion, even those like Texas that are leading states' Supreme Court litigation against EPA efforts to regulate CO2 and other GHGs under the Clean Air Act.

For example, EPA air official Peter Tsigotis said on a Sept. 9 outreach call with community groups that the agency is engaging with all states, including ones that have resisted EPA CO2 rules. "We recognize that some states are farther along than some others," he said in response to a question from a Texas League of Women Voters member, "but I can assure you" that EPA will make it a priority "over the next few months to reach out to every state including your state to make sure they are part of that discussion."

Texas officials did not respond to a request for comment on their position on the NSPS.

Coal States

But other states that have in the past resisted climate control policies appear to be developing policies. For example, one coal state has been conducting heavy research into how the pending section 111(d) rule will impact its coal and power industries, a state source says. "We really have no indication which way EPA is going to go on this by June of 2014 but we're taking them to heart that they want to engage with the states."

The state is developing a formal position on the issue that it expects to release within the next month or so – a position that is being eagerly anticipated by other coal-dependent states, the source says. The state will advocate a mass-based emissions reductions approach, expressed as an overall percentage reduction, versus a rate-based performance standard that coal states say harm them more than other states with a more diverse energy mix. The state will argue that its approach will allow more flexibility along with greater emissions cuts over time than rate-based standards set at a CO2 limit per megawatt hour and that [do not necessarily guarantee emissions will fall](#).

The source adds that a coal-state perspective is important because there is so much focus now on a plan released late last year by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) that is being touted for its flexibility but is one that at least six coal states have determined they cannot achieve.

However, the source notes that coal states have not investigated the possibility under the NRDC plan of expanding beyond their borders to form regional trading programs that could lessen the impact on the coal-dependent states. "There's really not been much talk along those lines . . . because [states] haven't been given that forum" to do so yet.

At the same time, Northeastern states that participate in RGGI are pressing to ensure that EPA deems their program as being "equivalent" to its rules, which will allow them to continue to operate their power plant CO2 trading program as a way to meet the NSPS.

The EPA proposal needs to “protect the RGGI effort,” one New England state source says. The source adds that if EPA in the NSPS authorizes a SIP process, “there should be an option for a regional SIP” that the RGGI states can adopt and possibly expand to other states.

In another indication that some coal states are seeking to address the issue, Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear (D) is hosting a Sept. 17 conference on energy and the environment that includes a meeting of the Kentucky Climate Action Plan Panel, which in 2010 recommended 46 policies to cut GHGs by 20 percent from 1990 levels in 2030 in the state. The meeting will focus on four projects that are examples of the plan's recommendations, one state source says.

A second state source adds that Kentucky opted to include discussion on the state's climate action plan at the 37th annual Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment in light of the work that EPA is doing in responding to Obama's directive. “While the report from the council was issued two years ago . . . it is every bit as relevant today as it was then . . . especially in light of the president's agenda,” the source says.

States' Input

On EPA's Sept. 9 state outreach call, EPA drew a number of questions that Tsigotis did not directly answer, saying instead that these are the issues on which the agency is seeking states' input. For example, officials from Washington and West Virginia asked why the agency was limiting its rule to CO2 rather than consider other GHGs. A Hawaii official asked how the agency would handle CO2 emissions from biomass burned at power plants. An official from Mississippi asked if the agency would give states more than one year to develop their plans. And a Virginia official asked how the agency intended to address the fact that there are different NSPS standards for plants built after 1971 and for those constructed prior to that date.

Tsigotis said those are issues on which the agency wants to hear state ideas, and intends another series of calls in October and November to address policy-design issues.

In addition, an official from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association asked what lessons states could learn from the handful of prior 111(d) standards EPA has issued. In response, Tsigotis said the prior rules do not provide many lessons for the pending power plant one.

In response to a question from a Kentucky official about whether the agency believed that there had been a technology “breakthrough” on CCS, Tsigotis said, “You shouldn't take this as any kind of signal that, 'Oh my goodness you need to be putting on CCS across the existing fleet.’” He added that EPA was not “wedded” to any approach. – *Dawn Reeves*

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By Talia Buford | 9/11/13 3:34 PM EDT

With help from Darren Goode, Erica Martinson, Darius Dixon and Kathryn Wolfe

FOURTH LNG EXPORT FACILITY APPROVED: Dominion's Cove Point LNG facility has been conditionally approved [<http://1.usa.gov/18UMKxS>] to export liquefied natural gas to non-free trade agreement countries, the Energy Department announced today. The approval would allow the facility to export up to 0.77 billion cubic feet of natural gas daily for 20 years. Dominion CEO Thomas Farrell said the company plans to start construction next year, with operations beginning in 2017. "It is good news on many fronts," he said, "including the thousands of jobs that will be created, the boost in government revenues that will result, and the support it provides to allied nations."

The approval is the fourth that the Energy Department has sanctioned since it began evaluating LNG export facilities in recent years. The approval may also signal an acceleration to clear the queue of pending applications: After taking more than a year to approve the second facility, DOE has now approved three in 2013 alone. The last approval was of the Lake Charles Exports LLC facility in Louisiana in August.

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SHAHEEN-PORTMAN HITS SENATE FLOOR: With measures on Syria on hold, the Senate took up its next item on the agenda — the energy-efficiency legislation authored by Sens. Jeanne Shaheen and Rob Portman. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Ron Wyden said on the Senate floor that there may not be enough floor time to consider every amendment that senators had hoped to tag on to it, but it showed there was "pent-up demand" to talk about energy issues. If lawmakers debated all the possible amendments, they could "be here until New Year's Eve," he joked.

It remained unclear if Republicans will offer amendments aimed at approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline and limiting EPA regulations. But Wyden said he's aware of about a dozen bipartisan amendments.

-- WHITE HOUSE BACKS THE BILL: In a Statement of Administration Policy, the White House said the bill "complements key energy-efficiency dimensions of the president's Climate Action Plan that will work to cut carbon pollution and begin to slow the effects of climate change, so that we can leave a cleaner and more stable environment for future generations."

EPA RULING IN CROSSFIRE OF ENGINE MAKERS' LEGAL FIGHT: A three-judge panel at U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit heard oral arguments in a case brought by Daimler Trucks North America, Mack Trucks, Volvo Group North America and Detroit Diesel asking that "certificates of conformity" EPA issued to Navistar that allowed the company to sell engines that violated NOx emissions standards be voided. The companies say Navistar got an unfair advantage in the heavy-duty diesel engine market, since it

didn't have to meet tighter emissions limits like they did. More from Erica Martinson:

<http://politico.pro/18Q95xO>

NRC STILL INVESTIGATING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON OVER SAN ONOFRE: NRC Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane said today that agency staffers are still conducting two investigations into Southern California Edison's conduct in replacing steam generators at its San Onofre nuclear plant that ultimately crippled the facility. The NRC's Investigations Office and the agency's inspector general are looking into allegations of willful wrongdoing on the part of Edison over documents it filed with regulators for the new steam generators, she said speaking at a Platts Energy Podium event. The investigations have been going on for months, but Macfarlane said that neither office has given her a timeframe on the release of their reports.

CANADIAN SAFETY BOARD: CRUDE IN LAC-MEGANTIC CRASH WAS MORE DANGEROUS THAN DOCUMENTED: The Transportation Safety Board of Canada is asking the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and its Canadian counterpart to ensure that hazardous materials being transported are accurately described and documented as safe. TSB, which is investigating July's deadly freight train derailment and fire in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, said this morning that its tests show that the "level of hazard" of the crude oil being transported in the train tanker cars was inaccurately documented. According to the tests, the crude had been classified as a level of hazard below what it should have been.

-- Officials use the classifications to determine the vessel the liquids should be shipped in, TSB said. The explosion "brings into question the adequacy" of Class 111 tank cars, which were involved in the Lac-Megantic crash. PHMSA head Cynthia Quarterman said the agency will publish draft regulations to retrofit the cars to address safety concerns and design flaws that cause the car to split open during derailments and other accidents.

FORMER REP. SHAW DIES: E. Clay Shaw Jr., who represented Florida in the House from 1981-2007, died Tuesday after a fight with lung cancer. He was 74. During his time in Congress, Shaw chaired subcommittees on the Ways and Means Committee, helped pass the law that opened Central America to U.S. exports and authored the Missing and Exploited Children's Act. He was also the House sponsor for the \$8.4 billion Everglades restoration plan that Congress approved in 2000. He lost the 2006 election to Democrat Ron Klein, who lost the seat to GOP firebrand Allen West four years later.

STUDY: WIND FARMS KILLED 67 EAGLES IN 5 YEARS: That's a minimum, according to a study published in the Journal of Raptor Research and conducted by government scientists, though the number could be higher. Most of the deaths were from eagles being struck by wind turbines, though one was electrocuted by a power line. More from AP: <http://bit.ly/1eEthYq>

LUNG ASSOCIATION HITS THE HILL: Representatives from the Lung Association will be meeting with the OMB today to talk about the health and air quality impacts of climate change and the need to act on carbon pollution controls for new and existing power plants. The meeting comes in advance of a Thursday briefing with Rep. Lois Capps on the status of H.R. 2023, the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act, as well as a roundtable on what can be done to address the public health impacts of climate change.

QUICK HITS

— The Pennsylvania fracking boom has gone bust, the Daily News reports, on the back on a glut of natural gas flooding the market and low prices on the resource: <http://bit.ly/15kiNKK>

— Big data from talking turbines signal productivity boom. Bloomberg: <http://bloom.bg/14FIVRj>

— Noble Energy discovers oil and gas at Gulf of Mexico site. FuelFix: <http://bit.ly/1aCIyK7>

— Pipeline safety chief says regulatory process is ‘kind of dying.’ InsideClimate News: <http://bit.ly/16kUVWF>

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EPA ruling in crossfire of engine makers’ legal fight [back](#)

By Erica Martinson | 9/11/13 12:57 PM EDT

Justice Department attorneys tried Wednesday to keep EPA out of the crossfire in a case in which several major engine manufacturers are challenging an old agency decision that eased pollution rules for Navistar.

The three-judge panel at U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit heard oral arguments in a case brought by Daimler Trucks North America, Mack Trucks, Volvo Group North America and Detroit Diesel against EPA seeking action that would open the door to an EPA enforcement action against Navistar, or the chance for the rival engine makers to sue Navistar themselves.

EPA had originally issued “certificates of conformity” to Navistar that allowed the company to sell engines that in fact violated NOx emissions standards. The other engine manufacturers want the court to void the certificates retroactively, even though they expired in December 2012 and the company can no longer manufacture and sell the polluting engines.

The companies say they deserve redress for the unfair advantage that Navistar got in the heavy-duty diesel engine market, since they had to meet the tighter emission limits while Navistar got a pass.

The three-judge panel was difficult to read in the brief oral arguments on Wednesday. Judge Thomas Griffith participated via phone, and Judge Karen Henderson was largely quiet.

New Judge Sri Srinivasan said little to tip his hand, but he did focus on the issue of redress, questioning attorneys on whether fining Navistar would really make up for the competitive advantage they received in prior years, and whether Navistar should be held responsible for selling engines that EPA had approved.

DOJ attorney Michele Walter argued that the issue is now moot, and that the manufacturers “want to go back and essentially unring a bell.” EPA does not have the ability to remedy complaints about market share in the past, and because Navistar had “credits” at the time, it’s possible that the company could have introduced the engines to the marketplace anyway, Walter said.

Srinivasan asked the attorney for Daimler to consider what he would have counseled Navistar to do years earlier. Daimler's attorney, Christopher Handman, said the companies needed to accept the "regulatory risk," and sought to turn the discussion to the manufacturers' "unfair competition situation."

"EPA caused the harm and EPA can provide the remedy," Handman said.[back](#)

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Attachments: CURC Fall 2013 Membership Meetings_AGENDA.pdf; What is CURC.pdf

Hi Joe – I just wanted to follow up on the invitation to have you speak at CURC's upcoming Membership meeting on Thursday, October 3rd in Washington, DC. The agenda is attached and I'm happy to answer any questions you may have about the meeting or our association in general.

Thanks, Joe. We appreciate your consideration!

Best,
Megan

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Also, Joe, I meant to include CURC's brochure that provides a list of our members. Please see the attached. If you'd like any further information about our coalition, please let me know and I'm happy to pass along more details.

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Thanks, Bob. I appreciate the introduction!

Joe – As Bob suggested, I wanted to extend to you an invitation to attend and speak at the Coal Utilization Research Council's upcoming General Membership meeting. The CURC Fall 2013 meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 4th from 10:15 am to 4:15 pm in Washington, D.C. at the Edison Electric Institute (EEI).

As you'll see from the attached draft agenda, we have 30 minutes set aside for an EPA representative to come review the revised NSPS for new coal-fired power plants that is scheduled to be released on September 20. We are hoping that you might be willing and available at that time.

If you are, I hope you will consider joining us for the meeting -- either just for your scheduled time slot for the entire length of the meeting (11:20 am – 4:15 pm). If time permits, please also feel free to join us the evening before for the CURC cocktail reception which will be taking place from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at The 701 Restaurant & Bar next to EEI.

Further details regarding hotels and logistics, if needed, may be found on the attached save-the-date flyer. Feel free to call with any questions. Thanks for your consideration. I hope to see you next month!

Best,
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Joe, I have been asked to provide an introduction to you to the Coal Utilization Research Council and Megan Walters with the intent of CURC asking you to attend our upcoming meeting on Thursday October 3, 2013 to be held at EEI's offices. I will let her contact you with more detail than just the agenda I attached. As you know, CURC is a group of coal companies, utilities, equipment suppliers, and other participants. Our website is www.coal.org. CURC has commented

on different EPA regulations including NSPS and recently met with OMD/OIRA with EPA folks calling in. I probably have invited you already but I leave Megan to follow up with details.

Best regards,
Bob

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Thx joe. I got the same note.

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To: McCabe, Janet; Goffman, Joseph
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Sierra Club is scheduled to have a conference call with OIRA staff on Friday, and we plan to discuss the attached materials. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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By Adam Snider

Featuring Kathryn A. Wolfe and Kevin Robillard

DRIVING THE TRANSPOR DAY - WRRDA presser: The House T&I Committee rolls out its WRDDA bill at a news conference today that features the "big four" - Bill Shuster, Nick Rahall, Bob Gibbs and Tim Bishop. The bill will be marked up next week, on Sept. 19, according to a lawmaker involved in the legislation. To build support for the measure, the panel has a new video out today that explains the bill in a fun way. Chairman Shuster narrates the 2:41 video designed for those outside the Beltway. It features time-lapse drawings on a whiteboard that explain why ports are so important and how project reviews can be cut to three years, one of Shuster's main goals in the legislation. "You're probably thinking: That can't apply to me," Shuster says after ticking off the wonky full name of the bill. "But it's actually a lot simpler than it sounds. In fact, it's a bill that's essential to our everyday life. You see, we are surrounded by the goods that travel through our ports and waterways." Watch the video here: <http://bit.ly/1fVo1xo>

Bipartisan: The bill has bipartisan support. Bishop, the top Dem on the water panel, said it was a "very open, inclusive process." He's meeting with fellow Democrats on the bill this morning, he told MT. Shuster told MT that there is "tremendous frustration" from both parties on project review lengths, saying "I think we've found some common ground on moving these things forward." The chairman also offered this simple summary of the bill: "At the end of the day, it's good for the economy, it's good for our competitiveness."

NOT CR-AZY ABOUT FURLOUGHS: The House's CR came out yesterday evening, and while it doesn't directly address FAA furloughs, there's a section that seems to solve the problem. Language in the 16-page measure (<http://1.usa.gov/1eeSHxT>) stipulates that money for civilian personnel may be used "for operations necessary to avoid furloughs" as long as the agency has "taken all necessary actions to reduce or defer nonpersonnel-related administrative expenses." The CR, which runs through Dec. 15, should be up for a floor vote this week.

But ... Even if the House language is approved, the FAA will still have to find the extra money for air traffic controllers and contract towers from elsewhere in its budget. The FAA Managers Association wants to tap AIP funds, but ACI-NA and AAAE have a new letter opposing the move (<http://politico.pro/1eASFOL>). Kathryn fills Pros in on why the issue will likely be dealt with in one form or another: <http://politico.pro/1d2VpCQ>

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"I missed the last bus, I'll take the next train ..." <http://bit.ly/16fTIQo> (h/t Kevin Robillard)

LIFEBOAT SPAT: An NTSB-backed proposal to protect disabled boat passengers drew a tongue-lashing from Duncan Hunter, the top Republican on T&I's maritime panel, who said the rule would deal major damage to commercial boat operators and do little to improve safety. But disability advocates and one House Democrat took aim at the Coast Guard for questioning the safety impact of the rule and signaled they would work to protect it. "Should a disabled veteran who became paralyzed serving our nation in Iraq or Afghanistan be condemned to die because the charter fishing boat on which he is a passenger sinks?" Elijah Cummings asked a Coast Guard official at the hearing. Kevin fills it all in for Pros: <http://politico.pro/17UUUHR>

Also from the hearing: Rep. Don Young, for decades one of the House's leading earmarkers, defended the practice again and promised to bring back the tradition during his lifetime. "I'm 80 years old and I'm going to have earmarks sooner or later than you think," Young said in response to a witness referring to earmarks. "That was the dumbest thing we ever did. And my party did it. It was the dumbest thing. Look, I'm going to shoot myself in the foot."

LOTTA LHOTA: Former New York MTA head Joe Lhota cruised to victory in the GOP mayoral primary last night. AP: <http://yhoo.it/1fXNGpb>

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AMTRAK ON TRACK: In spite of a busy congressional agenda and rapidly changing developments in Syria, the House's Amtrak reauthorization is still on track for an October introduction, Railroads panel Chairman Jeff Denham told MT. The conflict in Syria and debate over potential U.S. involvement "squeezed all of our timelines but we're still moving forward," he said. "We're getting very close." Asked to clarify, Denham said he's hoping to introduce the bill in October. "It might have pushed us back a week or so," Denham said of the Syrian debate's effect on the rail bill, but he said members "probably could have used that time anyways." Denham is set to meet with Amtrak head Joe Boardman next week.

TRANSIT FANS WANT PARITY: The Commuter Benefits Work for Us coalition and three members of Congress - Reps. Michael Grimm, Earl Blumenauer and Jim McGovern - gathered just outside the Capitol for a Tuesday presser to rally for parity in the pre-tax transit benefit. Blumenauer, who's seen years of last-minute action on the issue, said he's "getting tired of this sort of stopgap." The bow-tied Oregonian said he's "absolutely committed" to getting legislation passed, either standalone or as part of a big tax package. Grimm called it an "extremely important issue" and said that taking 3 percent of commuters off the road can lead to a 30 percent congestion reduction. McGovern said it "might not be the most glamorous issue out there" but is a "bread and butter" matter for a lot of families.

State of good podium repair: The podium at the outdoor news conference had seen better days - the stand had bent metal, lots of missing paint and at least one spot with peeling tape on it. When alerted to the shoddy state of the podium, Blumenauer joked, "Is this a class act?"

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL: The California High-Speed Rail Authority's board meeting was interesting - somewhat for the approval of \$268 million for unexpected costs, but more so for the farmer who compared the project to the Holocaust. The Fresno Bee has more: <http://bit.ly/18abEhV>

SPOTTED ON AMTRAK: An MT source spotted Tom Carper - the senator, not the Amtrak board member - on the 6:05 p.m. Tuesday regional train to New York.

MAILBAG - Keep an eye on it: Top House aviation pols Frank LoBiondo and Rick Larsen have written the DOT IG to request the watchdog "continue to monitor and examine" progress in a new pilot records database. Read it: <http://politico.pro/17VKJ3o>

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THE AUTOBAHN (SPEED READ)

- National Association of Counties transpo lobbyist Bob Fogel is retiring after 28 years; today is his last day.
- Flight attendants' union asking lawmakers to personally chip in for Flight 93 memorial. <http://prn.to/18SRPa5>
- Average mpg for new cars reaches new high of 24.9, report finds. WaPo: <http://wapo.st/17W1Zpf>
- New GAO report: "FAA Facilities: Improved Condition Assessment Methods Could Better Inform Maintenance Decisions and Capital- Planning Efforts." <http://1.usa.gov/14CMIEk>
- NTSB report says train engineer was texting before a 2012 accident and derailment in Indiana. AP: <http://bit.ly/1eB0P9E>
- Airlines took in \$27.1 billion in ancillary fees in 2012, up from \$22.6 billion in 2011. Smart Planet has the breakdown: <http://smrt.io/1eeaq8K>
- White House announces nomination of retired U.S. Navy Captain Paul Nathan Jaenichen Sr. as MARAD administrator.

THE COUNTDOWN: DOT funding and passenger rail policy both run out in 20 days. Surface transportation policy is up in 385 days and FAA policy in 750 days. The mid-term elections are in 419 days.

CABOOSE - Marketing Dubai's trains: The Atlantic Cities takes a look at how Dubai sold its transit system to the country's wealthy, car-loving citizens. <http://bit.ly/1b3nqvJ>

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GAVEL WATCH — NEW APPEALS COURT JUDGE: The recently confirmed Judge Srikanth Srinivasan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, along with two other judges, will be faced with an EPA-related case during oral arguments today. Srinivasan and the others will hear oral arguments in Daimler Trucks North America v. EPA. The case spins off from a 2012 court ruling that vacated an EPA decision to issue "certificates of conformity" to manufacturer Navistar that effectively allowed the company to sell engines in violation of a NOx emissions rule by paying a fine. Daimler and others want the court to void the certificates issued to Navistar retroactively, and the agency argues that the issue is moot. Each side gets 15 minutes during today's arguments.

Perhaps more illuminating in getting a feel for how Srinivasan will rule on environmental issues will come in late October, when he and other judges hear a challenge brought by the NRDC over EPA's rule on air emissions from the Portland cement industry. So far, those cases are the only energy-related cases on Srinivasan's docket.

GREENS WANT TO CHANGE DATE FOR ACID RAIN ORAL ARGUMENTS: Earthjustice and Center for Biological Diversity have asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to move oral arguments in a case challenging EPA's acid rain regulations to accommodate a staff retreat and an attorney educational meeting, according to a brief filed Tuesday. The two Earthjustice attorneys on the case, which challenges EPA's secondary sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide air quality standards, want to attend an "internal all-attorney educational conference in California" on the date the court set for oral arguments, Oct. 10. And the two attorneys with the Center for Biological Diversity would like to attend the organization's all-staff retreat that day, in Oracle, Ariz. The brief: <http://politico.pro/15OUDEc>

Second time's the charm: This is the second time the Earthjustice attorneys have asked the court to reschedule oral arguments set for Oct. 10. The court agreed to the change in another case before again scheduling the attorneys to be in court that day.

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STILL NO AGREEMENT ON KXL AMENDMENT TO SHAHEEN-PORTMAN: Senators said Tuesday they have not yet reached an agreement on whether there will be a vote on an amendment to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline when the chamber considers bipartisan energy efficiency legislation. Sen. John Hoeven said he is in discussions with House Republicans, including House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Fred Upton, about either offering his pro-Keystone amendment or pushing for a joint resolution in favor of the pipeline. Asked if there is an agreement to allow a vote on his amendment as part of the efficiency bill, Hoeven chuckled. “No, I don’t have agreement at this point. At this point we’re still going through what we’re going to offer and so forth,” he said.

MACFARLANE SPEAKS AT PLATTS EVENT: NRC Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane speaks at a Platts Energy Podium briefing this morning. One issue likely to come up during the roundtable discussion is the agency’s work to put together a new Waste Confidence rule governing nuclear waste stored around the country. The agency has already released a draft generic environmental assessment but the new proposed rule won’t be out until Friday. The comment period for both documents will run from Friday through Nov. 27. Today’s event is at 10 a.m. at 1200 G St. NW

WHAT WILL SMITH DO IF EPA DOESN’T COMPLY WITH DATA SUBPOENA? House Science Committee Chairman Lamar Smith won’t say what he’ll do if EPA doesn’t fully comply with his subpoena for data underlying the agency’s clean air regulations. “Before I go there, let’s hope that we get cooperation,” Smith told POLITICO in the Capitol yesterday. Smith said last week that EPA “stands in default” of the subpoena. He gave the agency until Sept. 16 to outline the steps it is taking to comply with the subpoena. And he said the agency must provide all of the requested documents by Sept. 30. A committee aide said last week that there are a “range of options” if EPA doesn’t fully comply with the subpoena and the aide added that none of the options are “currently off the table.” But the aide declined to discuss specific options.

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W.H. NOMINATES CHRIS SMITH TO HEAD DOE FOSSIL ENERGY: Chris Smith to officially take over the Energy Department position of assistant secretary for fossil energy. Smith has held the job in an acting capacity since February when Chuck McConnell resigned. Smith worked for Chevron before joining DOE as deputy assistant secretary for oil and gas in 2009.

Also nominated: Bradley Crowell, to be assistant secretary for congressional and intergovernmental affairs, DOE; Victoria Wassmer, to be EPA CFO; Beth Cobert to be deputy director for management at OMB; and Esther Kia’aina, to be assistant secretary for insular areas at Interior.

HOUSE CLEARS MURKOWSKI DENALI BILL: The House yesterday passed by voice vote a bill from Sen. Lisa Murkowski that would allow Interior and the National Park Service to permit a natural gas pipeline running along a seven-mile-long segment of highway intersecting Denali National Park. Conservation groups signed onto the bill because installing it along the already-existing highway would be less damaging than charting a path through the wilderness around the park. Murkowski’s legislation also gives Interior the OK to permit “microhydro” projects generating less than 100 kilowatts in parts of the park. The Denali National Park Improvement Act, S. 157, now goes to the president’s desk for signing.

NEW LEGISLATION — U.S.-ISRAEL ENERGY RELATIONSHIP: Sens. Mary Landrieu, Ron Wyden and Lisa Murkowski have introduced the United States-Israel Energy Cooperation Enhancement Bill, which aims to boost energy cooperation and collaboration between the two nations, expands joint grant programs and allows authorization of a U.S.-based center focused on energy issues. Israel is estimated to have natural gas reserves in excess of 30 trillion cubic feet, much of which is offshore. “The Gulf Coast arguably has the most

advanced offshore oil and gas industry in the world, and we are uniquely qualified to lead the effort to help Israel develop this resource,” Landrieu said. Bill text: <http://politico.pro/15PF8Ss>

THE POSTMAN ALWAYS RINGS TWICE

Power marketing administrations: House Natural Resources Chairman Doc Hastings and ranking member Peter DeFazio want Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz to let a "fact-finding initiative on integrating wind and other intermittent resources" to the grid be completed. That, the Washington and Oregon lawmakers write, would let the Bonneville Power Administration and the Western Area Power Administration "make sound business decisions on behalf of their existing customers." Letter: <http://1.usa.gov/1aAjALs>

RFS: Dozens of ethanol plant employees write to House Energy and Commerce Committee lawmakers urging them not to "tamper" with the Renewable Fuel Standard. <http://politico.pro/18StPnn>

CONTACT GUINNESS, MAYBE: Today may mark the record for the latest fate for a season's first hurricane formation since satellite tracking began, according to the National Hurricane Center. The latest forming hurricane on record is Gustav, at 8 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2002, the NHC wrote on its Facebook page yesterday; but projections yesterday put Humberto as potentially reaching hurricane strength at 8 a.m. today. So will there be a new record? We might not know for a while, the NHC says. Officials conducting post-storm analyses usually adjust position and formation data once more information is collected — something that could take weeks or even months. NHC: <http://on.fb.me/13Jg7Vn>

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— The House's proposed continuing resolution boosts wildfire funding through mid-December by \$36 million. Bill text: <http://1.usa.gov/15UhCwC>

— Pacific Gas & Electric Co. expects to pay out \$565 million in claims over the 2010 San Bruno blast that killed eight people. Los Angeles Times: <http://lat.ms/1aoqCPK>

— The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has shot down a bid to postpone pollution control upgrades at three Arizona coal-fired plants. AP: <http://bit.ly/1eBPjKT>

— The Forest Service will soon decide on whether to allow fracking in the George Washington National Forest. Washington Post: <http://wapo.st/1fXgU7x>

— Ahead of UN talks there in November, Poland says it will reduce carbon emissions via new technologies, not by cutting coal use. Reuters: <http://reut.rs/17NmRD5>

— Solar panels are the new granite countertops for homebuilders, Bloomberg writes: <http://bloom.bg/15hVxfX>

HAPPENING TODAY

8:30 a.m. — The RETECH 2013 conference continues. <http://bit.ly/1ao3f8Z>. Marriott Wardman Park

9 a.m. — The National Research Council wraps up its two-day meeting on geoengineering. 2101 Constitution Ave. NW

10 a.m. — Rep. Michael Turner speaks at an American Enterprise Institute event on the energy relationship between Japan and the U.S. 1150 17th St. NW

10 a.m. — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack hosts a news conference on a new biomass Memorandum of Understanding. 1400 Independence Ave. SW

10 a.m. — The House Natural Resources Committee's fisheries panel holds a hearing on reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. <http://1.usa.gov/13p8zXO>. Longworth 1324

2 p.m. — Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Kerri-Ann Jones meets with representatives from Shell at the State Department.

3 p.m. — The Woodrow Wilson Center's Brazil Institute, Environmental Change and Security Program and George Mason University host a panel on energy infrastructure and clean energy. DOE Chief of Staff Kevin Knobloch participates. <http://bit.ly/15CxqLf>. Ronald Reagan Building

3 p.m. — Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz tours a new clean energy research facility and supercomputer at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Golden, Colo.

3:30 p.m. — Vilsack and Natural Resources Conservation Chief Jason Weller announce new conservation innovation grants.

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Whitfield’s senior Kentucky Republican colleague — Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell — is in a closely watched 2014 reelection bid, while Republicans see another coal-state Senate seat in West Virginia perhaps flipping to their control next year. Republicans could use the bill to pin Democrats in those races to the Obama administration’s climate agenda, including EPA regulations.

House Republicans’ more broadly worded attempts to strike EPA’s authority over greenhouse gases never went anywhere in the Senate.

The evolving Whitfield bill “would set the parameters so that EPA would have to approve a plant that stayed within those parameters as far as amount of CO2 emitted per year,” he said.

The limits are still being worked on, he said.

His effort underscores the feeling among coal-state lawmakers and the industry that EPA’s initial attempt to limit greenhouse gases for future power plants, issued in 2012, would have killed any attempts to build new coal-fired power plants and potentially crippled the industry.

EPA’s upcoming version is expected to respond to that criticism by imposing separate emission requirements for different fuel types — namely, separate requirements for natural gas and coal. “I think that’s good,” Whitfield said, if EPA in fact separates those fuel types.[back](#)

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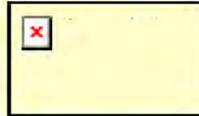
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Since our last Workshop on the Managing Government Records Directive on May 15th, 2013, much has happened as NARA, agencies and vendors have responded to the challenges set forth in the Directive. This Workshop will focus on what has happened recently:

- New RFI from NARA for agencies and vendors to demonstrate best practices in RM Automation;
- New "Capstone" NARA policy guidance draft for managing key personnel Emails);
- Upcoming deadlines for interim deliverables
- and more...

Why You Should Attend:

- To gain a clear understanding of OMB M12-18
- To assist you in getting the best start on the many changes OMB M12-18 will bring to your agency

- To learn key funding strategies to help your agency implement solutions to meet its objectives
- Hear from other government officials about the practical aspects of complying with the Directive
- Ensure success of your Records Management Program as you implement the Directive
- Specific Actions to be taken by December 31, 2013 and beyond
- Lessons Learned in the first 9 months since the publication of the Directive
- What is New including RM Automation, "Capstone" Policy for eMails, Upcoming Deadlines

Who Should Attend:

- Government Records Managers
- Senior Agency Officials (SAO's) charged with responsibility for the implementation of solutions for their agency
- All those with responsibility for initiating and carrying out the reforms mentioned in the President's Records Management Directive
- CIO's and the Staff including technical staff involved with Records Management
- Professionals responsible for managing information resources on an enterprise-wide basis
- Those needing to understand latest NARA policy and guidance
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- IGs and Staff
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This One-Day Workshop will provide the attendee with information to better understand what has been done and what needs to be done by government agencies to comply with the Presidential Records Management Memo. Agencies will learn from NARA, Agency Records Officers, and Industry Experts. Attending this training can decrease significant time at your agency and reduce effort in implementing an effective records management program and meeting the OMB/NARA imposed deadlines.

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**Deputy Commissioner for Legislative and Congressional Affairs
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This meeting is on for this morning at 11:30AM EDT. Michael Desselle reports that he has no materials to distribute in advance but that he will be on the line.

That line again is: 866-299-3188. Conference code: [REDACTED]

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Subject: Morning Energy, presented by POWERJobs: What to watch for in the coming weeks - BP bites back - Probe clears BP claims center chief but flags others

By Alex Guillén | 9/9/13 5:45 AM EDT

WELCOME BACK CONGRESS: Congress returns to the Hill this week after a long August recess, but don't look for too much action on energy issues in the coming weeks. Lawmakers' dance cards are already filling up with issues like Syria, a continuing resolution and the debt ceiling. Here's what to watch for in the near future:

Shaheen-Portman: The Senate's long-awaited energy efficiency bill will have to wait a little longer. The chamber had been scheduled to take up S. 1392 tomorrow morning, one of the first items on its agenda after the August recess. However, with a Syria resolution set to get consideration starting Wednesday and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's office making it clear Shaheen-Portman comes after Syria, the odds of the chamber getting around to energy efficiency this week are slim to none. After that, the Senate's legislative calendar begins to fill up with the need to pass a CR by the end of the month and address the debt ceiling soon after — threatening to punt floor time for Shaheen-Portman to mid-October or potentially even later.

Ron Binz: His confirmation hearing to chair the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 17 (a date that could change, so stay tuned). The August recess gave opponents of Binz more time to dig up dirt and make their case in the media and to lawmakers. Binz is also getting a boost from a Washington PR firm. (If you need a refresher on preparations for the Binz nomination battle, check out Darius Dixon's story from last month: <http://politi.co/16ya71V>)

House GOP's climate change hearing: House Democrats have been asking Republicans to hold a hearing on climate change for years, and now they're getting their wish. Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy are scheduled to show up at the Energy and Power subcommittee hearing next week, which is focused on what various federal agencies are doing on climate change issues. The committee is still hoping to snag top officials from nearly a dozen other agencies.

Tax extenders: It's that time of year — when industries with sunset tax breaks start ramping up their lobbying efforts. Of particular interest is the production tax credit, which runs out for wind and other renewable energy sources on Dec. 31. Although the language was changed to allow any project that has made a minimal investment by the deadline — no matter when it begins generating electricity — to qualify, manufacturers are still hoping to secure a long-term extension of the credit. Also gaining steam is a proposal for a phase-out of the PTC. Whether Congress will get to tax extenders, or what vehicle it will use, is unclear.

OFF THE HILL: Because, while it may not always seem like it, not everything is about Congress.

Keystone XL: The State Department continues to work on its environmental review of the pipeline, posting public comments and dodging questions about a timeline for making a decision. Meanwhile, supporters of the project are eager to point out that Sept. 19 marks five years since TransCanada first submitted an application to the State Department.

Emissions rule: The White House's Office of Management and Budget is currently going over EPA's new rule for emissions from new power plants. Industry and environmental groups have been making their case to OMB

and to EPA chief Gina McCarthy, but exact details of the regulation remain confidential for now. The president set a Sept. 20 deadline to release the proposed rule, although the administration could move sooner than that.

Other regs: The administration also continues to plug away on some high-profile regulations, including one for fracking on public lands, EPA's "Tier 3" rule cutting sulfur in gasoline and the so-called 316(b) cooling tower rule for power plants and other facilities.

SPEAKING OF SYRIA: Deputy Energy Editor Matt Daily has a smart energy story on the issue: For once, almost nobody is accusing the United States of going to war for Mideast oil. "No blood for oil" was a familiar anti-war cry during the two U.S. military actions against Saddam Hussein, and access to the region's abundant petroleum resources is a major reason that the U.S. has placed such strategic importance on the Middle East for decades. But so far, at least, the Syria debate has been different. Matt explains why: <http://politi.co/17WxMwb>

HAPPY MONDAY and welcome to Morning Energy, where we're celebrating Congress's return by stocking up on Red Bull (for the weekdays) and red wine (for the weekends). Send your energy news to aguillen@politico.com, and follow on Twitter @[alexcguillen](https://twitter.com/alexcguillen), @[Morning_Energy](https://twitter.com/Morning_Energy) and @[POLITICOPro](https://twitter.com/POLITICOPro).

BP BITES BACK: Three years after the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP's post-disaster demeanor has gone from contrite to combative. The oil giant is increasingly sparring with the federal government, Louisiana leaders like Gov. Bobby Jindal and the throngs of businesses that still want compensation for the April 2010 spill. BP continues to tend its public image, blanketing the airwaves with upbeat ads about its "commitment to America," and it agreed last year to pay a record \$4.5 billion in fines stemming from the spill. But it's also mounting an aggressive legal, advertising and public relations attack on the court-administered process for weighing spill victims' damage claims, alleging that it's become rife with fraud. Talia Buford has more for Pros: <http://politico.pro/1ev7HWa>

PROBE CLEARS HEAD OF BP SETTLEMENT CENTER BUT FLAGS OTHER STAFFERS FOR DOJ: Via the AP: "A former FBI director recommended Friday that the Justice Department investigate whether several lawyers plotted to corrupt the settlement program designed to compensate victims of BP's 2010 Gulf oil spill. But the independent probe led by Louis Freeh didn't find any evidence of wrongdoing by the multibillion-dollar settlement's court-appointed administrator, who has been a target of BP's increasingly aggressive campaign to challenge payouts to Gulf Coast businesses. ...

"The report also found nothing that warranted shutting down payments to victims of the oil spill, which spewed millions of gallons of oil into the water, fouling marshes, fisheries and beaches from Louisiana to Florida. However, Freeh concluded that then-top members of Juneau's staff engaged in conduct that was improper, unethical and possibly criminal. He recommended that his report be forwarded to the Justice Department." More from the AP: <http://bit.ly/17MqKnJ>. Freeh's 95-page report: <http://1.usa.gov/17iy65B>

ICYMI: BP America last week announced several changes to its PR shop, including promoting Geoff Morrell to senior vice president and consolidating various comms teams. BP's press release: <http://bit.ly/17IQXUi>

ILLNESS OF FORMER EPA OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH THEFT POSTPONES HEARING: An arraignment scheduled for today in the case of an EPA employee who stole nearly \$900,000 from EPA over more than a decade has been moved to later this month because he is currently hospitalized. John Beale, who has worked at EPA since the 1980s, has been charged with theft of government property obtained via fraudulent bonuses and salary. In a court filing Friday, his lawyer wrote that Beale will be in the hospital at least through today due to "a potentially serious medical condition affecting his throat." The hearing before Magistrate Judge John Facciola of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia now is set for Sept. 27. The Justice Department is seeking to recover \$507,207 from Beale.

HARPER PROPOSES ACTION TO WIN KXL APPROVAL — REPORT: In case you missed it Friday, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper reportedly sent a letter to President Barack Obama last month proposing “joint action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the oil and gas sector” in an effort to win the Obama administration’s approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The proposal quickly drew scorn from green groups who said Canada cannot cut emissions enough to offset the oil development. Andrew Restuccia and Darren Goode: <http://politico.pro/14waOLw>

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STEYER KICKS OFF \$1 MILLION AD CAMPAIGN AGAINST KXL: Sharp ME readers will remember billionaire activist Tom Steyer said last month he would be launching a \$1 million campaign against Keystone XL — and now the ad buy is beginning. The campaign, which will be four parts, began yesterday with 90-second spots during the Sunday shows hitting the project for sending Canadian oil to Gulf Coast refineries for potential export. “Here’s the truth: Keystone oil will travel through America, not to America,” Steyer says in the spot. The ad also notes next week’s round of commercials will focus on the oil spill earlier this year in Mayflower, Ark. While that pipeline is owned by Exxon, Keystone opponents seized on the accident as a sign of what could happen. Video: <http://bit.ly/15ar0k2>

The boys are back in town: Canadian Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver is in town today to meet with Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz to discuss “the significance of the Canada-U.S. energy relationship and Canada as the United States’ responsible energy supplier,” according to an advisory.

Why wait? 350.org put out a statement Sunday that it is “great that Oliver and Moniz are meeting” but that “there is no way that Canada can meet its targets for reducing global warming pollution while trying to expand production of the tar sands.”

EVEN MORE STEYER: The New Yorker’s Ryan Lizza has a piece out today on Steyer and the politics of the pipeline: <http://nyr.kr/17Jv0R>

WYDEN MAY PUSH LEGISLATION BOOSTING FERC’S POLICING POWERS: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Ron Wyden on Friday said he is considering legislative action giving FERC more powers to police energy markets. Wyden and other senators earlier this year asked the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to work with FERC on boosting information sharing, but in an Aug. 29 letter the lawmakers released Friday afternoon, FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff wrote that “the two agencies disagree over whether the CFTC should provide FERC with certain data that we believe is critical to our surveillance program to detect and deter energy market manipulation.”

— The jurisdictional waters have been muddied by disagreements over the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and a recent court ruling that CFTC has exclusive oversight of futures markets. Wellinghoff said that he would support “a legislative fix to eliminate uncertainty on this matter and ensure that FERC has the full authority needed to police manipulation of wholesale physical natural gas and electric markets.” FERC’s Aug. 29 letter to lawmakers: <http://1.usa.gov/12KSGJj>

EPW GOP REPORT HITS EPA OVER TRANSPARENCY: Senate Environment and Public Works Republicans will release a report today criticizing EPA over transparency and FOIA issues — what the report, previewed to ME, alleges is “a culture of secrecy and evasion” that developed under former EPA chief Lisa Jackson. (Jackson, now at Apple, is testifying on federal transparency issues before a House panel this week.) The report reviews complaints made by ranking member David Vitter and others over the last few months, including Jackson’s “Richard Windsor” email account, officials occasionally using their personal email

accounts for agency matters, alleged discrepancies in waiving FOIA fees for environmental groups while denying waivers to conservative groups, and more.

— The report concludes: “These actions were taken contrary to official EPA policy and sometimes, contrary to the law. While in some instances the Agency has begrudgingly admitted their mistakes, the culture of secrecy runs deep and it will take the proactive intervention of EPA’s new leadership to right the ship and permit the transparency the President promised the American people.”

GROUPS ASK OMB TO WITHDRAW SOCIAL COST OF CARBON DOCS: Several industry groups are petitioning OMB to withdraw two technical support documents regarding calculating the social cost of carbon, a key part of determining the costs and benefits of environmental regulations. Among the groups’ complaints are that the two estimates, according to the petition, fail transparency tests, were not subject to peer review and do not "offer a reasonably acceptable range of accuracy for use in policy-making." Signatories include the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Petroleum Institute and America's Natural Gas Alliance:

<http://politico.pro/1cWf0V7>

BIOFUELS GROUP HOSTS FLY-IN: The ethanol group Growth Energy is hosting its big annual fly-in today through Wednesday, where more than 100 members will be meeting Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, White House officials and lawmakers. As with previous biofuel fly-ins, the group will push the message that Congress should leave the Renewable Fuel Standard alone and allow EPA to use already-existing statutory authority to make small adjustments. They’ll also press for higher blends of renewable fuels.

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QUICK HITS

— EPA is withdrawing two long-sought chemical rules that had been collecting dusts for months at the White House, Darren Goode reports: <http://politico.pro/18MXbn9>

— New Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott will have to work with minor parties to get rid of carbon pricing and a mining tax, Bloomberg reports: <http://bloom.bg/14wWLFF>

— Lithium-ion battery-maker LG Chem has temporarily shut down production at its Michigan facility because an ingredient used in production "might not be properly registered" with EPA, MLive reports:

<http://bit.ly/18IbVnb>

— Patriot Coal has filed a restructuring plan to pay back creditors and wipe out shareholders. Reuters:

<http://reut.rs/1dO5hmC>

— The NRC has cleared the way for FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse nuclear power plant in Ohio to get a 20-year license extension. AP: <http://bit.ly/1dSy3Th>

— Ohio is suing a solar energy company to get back more than \$10 million in state development loans.

Cincinnati Enquirer: <http://cin.ci/19xtZD3>

HAPPENING TODAY

12:30 p.m. — The Center for Strategic and International Studies hosts an even on military operational energy plans for the next decade. Assistant Secretary of Defense Sharon Burke participates. <http://bit.ly/16XfCaL>. 1800 K St. NW

12:30 p.m. — The Woodrow Wilson Center hosts a roundtable on the EU's Southern gas corridor. <http://bit.ly/12IGPx5>. Ronald Reagan Building

2 p.m. — The Atlantic Council and the Global CCS Institute host a forum on advanced fossil energy technologies. Participants include Jonathan Pershing, deputy assistant Energy secretary for climate change policy and technology, and Darren Mollot, director of DOE's Office of Clean Energy Systems. <http://bit.ly/1cPOpcq>. 1030 15th St. NW

4 p.m. — The three-day RETECH 2013 conference kicks off. <http://bit.ly/17DWhwi>. Marriott Wardman Park

THIS WEEK IN THE SENATE

Friday — The Commerce Committee holds a field hearing on the effects of water flows into Florida's Apalachicola Bay. <http://1.usa.gov/18ArQ8w>. 11 a.m., Apalachicola, Fla.

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE

Tuesday — NRC Chairwoman Allison Macfarlane and Assistant Energy Secretary Pete Lyons testify on implementing the Nuclear Waste Policy Act before the House Energy and Commerce Committee's environment and the economy subcommittee. <http://1.usa.gov/1ec7erO>. 10 a.m., Rayburn 2123

Tuesday — Oversight and Government Reform Committee holds a hearing on preventing violations of federal transparency laws. Former EPA chief Lisa Jackson and former Energy Department loan office director Jonathan Silver testify. <http://1.usa.gov/1fCwXaD>. 9 a.m., Rayburn 2154

Tuesday — The Science Committee's research panel holds a hearing on federal advanced manufacturing programs. <http://1.usa.gov/18Aqivd>. 10 a.m., Rayburn 2318

Tuesday — The Natural Resources Committee's public lands panel holds a hearing on school trust lands ownership within federal conservation areas. <http://1.usa.gov/1emt0Jv>. 10 a.m., Longworth 1324

Wednesday — Natural Resources' fisheries panel holds a hearing on reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. <http://1.usa.gov/13p8zXO>. 10 a.m., Longworth 1324

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By Talia Buford | 9/9/13 5:40 AM EDT

Three years after the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, BP's post-disaster demeanor has gone from contrite to combative.

The oil giant is increasingly sparring with the federal government, Louisiana leaders like Gov. Bobby Jindal and the throngs of businesses that still want compensation for the April 2010 explosion and spill that killed 11 people and dumped 4.9 million barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

BP continues to tend its public image, blanketing the airwaves with upbeat [ads](#) about its "commitment to America," and it [agreed](#) last year to pay a record \$4.5 billion in fines stemming from the spill. But it's also mounting an aggressive legal, advertising and public relations attack on the court-administered process for weighing spill victims' damage claims, [alleging](#) that it's become rife with fraud.

The company also [sued](#) EPA last month, challenging the agency's decision to [suspend](#) BP from competing for federal contracts. The agency [said](#) in November that it took the action "due to BP's lack of business integrity" in its handling of the spill.

BP's latest actions are a noticeable shift in tone from three years ago, when then-CEO Tony Hayward went on TV to [pledge](#) that the company would "make this right" and "honor all legitimate claims." Its latest message, as seen in full-page [ads](#) in The New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal: "This isn't the settlement we agreed to."

What happened to BP's road to redemption? One expert in protecting companies' reputations says it has apparently realized that restoring the confidence of its investors and corporate partners will do more for its bottom line than an endless apology tour.

"BP has done what it was required to do," said Jonathan Salem Baskin, a Chicago-based brand management specialist and co-founder of Consensiv, a consulting firm for managing reputations. But he added that "after spending millions in communications saying 'I'm sorry' from a reputation standpoint, it's done nothing in terms of their financial performance."

The oil company reported earnings of \$2 billion for the second quarter of this year, a lower-than-expected figure [blamed](#) on factors including spill-related legal costs. That was down from BP's first-quarter earnings of \$16.8 billion, but up from a \$1.5 billion loss in the second quarter of 2012.

BP maintains it has been trying to make things right after the spill: The company has spent more than \$26 billion on that cause, including \$14 billion on response and cleanup efforts and more than \$11 billion in claims paid to individuals, businesses and governments along the Gulf. It ponied up \$1 billion to help restoration projects get off the ground while communities waited for compensation. It also launched its ubiquitous [ads](#) featuring smiling coast dwellers, buckets of shrimp and pristine coastlines, proclaiming that the Gulf is back.

Even so, BP saw its business position among the major U.S. oil producers decline, according to a Consensiv analysis that looks at financial indicators such as stock price and the prices companies pay for loans and insurance. ExxonMobil and Chevron are seen as a more stable bet for investors looking at the company's future, while BP can't predict when it will be able to stem the tide from settlement payments, Baskin said.

Investors also looked favorably at Exxon's "ruthlessly efficient" handling of a much smaller oil pipeline spill this year in Mayflower, Ark., he said.

"Were they apologizing and firing people for the sake of public opinion? No," Baskin said of Exxon.

BP's latest PR efforts irk some on the Gulf who say the region is still struggling with the aftermath of the months-long spill. Michelle Erenberg, special projects coordinator at the Gulf Restoration Network in New Orleans, called the company's ads "disingenuous at best."

"We on the Gulf have been watching for over three years: BP will use whatever maneuver they can to avoid being held financially responsible," she said. She added, "Frankly, we are sick of BP complaining about being mistreated when its own conduct and negligence put them in this position in the first place."

The ads also provoked a spat with Jindal, who [complained](#) last month that the company was "spending more money on television commercials than they have on actually restoring the natural resources they impacted."

BP's U.S. communications chief, Geoff Morrell, fired back to Jindal that "no other company has done more in the wake of an environmental accident, and today, even in the face of this campaign of lies, we remain committed to paying all legitimate claims and helping restore the natural resources that were actually damaged from the oil spill."

But BP has also gone on the attack against what it calls fraudulent damage claims by businesses and individuals that never suffered harm in the spill.

Former FBI director Louis Freeh is [investigating](#) claims that a lawyer in the office of the Court Supervised Settlement Program received a portion of the settlements for claims he had referred to a law firm before he began working on the program. BP also alleges that the program administrator and a federal judge incorrectly interpreted the terms of the company's settlement of private spill claims, allowing businesses to receive millions from false claims. BP is [asking](#) an appellate court to overturn the judge's decision and throw out the claims.

"BP stepped up in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon accident and continues to do so," Morrell said. "While we are willing to pay legitimate claims, we did not agree to pay for fictitious losses, or for claims that are based on fraud or tainted by corruption."

Meanwhile, BP says its suit challenging EPA's contract suspension is something any company would do under the same circumstances. Under the federal [statute](#) that governs debarment, a company can ask for the move to be reconsidered within 30 days after it's notified of the decision, or if factual or legal errors come to light.

"We believe that the EPA's action here is inappropriate and unjustified as a matter of law and policy, and we are pursuing our right to seek relief in federal court," Morrell said in a statement, adding that the company "remains open to a reasonable settlement with EPA."

EPA would not comment on BP's case specifically, but agency suspension and debarment hearing officer Laura Fernandez said she has seen debarment decisions reversed in the past.

“This is not a punitive remedy available to the agency,” said Fernandez. “This is not about teaching a lesson.” The [program](#), she said, is designed to protect Americans from companies with unscrupulous practices that engage in waste, fraud or other misconduct.

BP was much quicker to make an aggressive return to campaign spending after the spill, following a brief interlude in which some politicians — including House Energy and Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R-Mich.) — were [sending back](#) any checks they got from the company. It made its first federal campaign donations of the 2012 election cycle in March 2011, nearly a year after the spill, and wound up handing out \$469,652 in contributions to candidates, leadership PACs, committees and parties, [according](#) to the Center for Responsive Politics.

So far in 2013, the company has contributed \$62,500 to federal political committees for Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), among others. BP gave an additional \$24,100 in contributions to local races so far this year as well.[back](#)

Report: Canada proposes action to win KXL approval [back](#)

By Andrew Restuccia and Darren Goode | 9/6/13 5:25 PM EDT

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper reportedly sent a letter to President Barack Obama last month proposing “joint action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the oil and gas sector” in an effort to win the Obama administration’s approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

CBC News, citing unnamed sources, [reported Friday](#) that Harper is “willing to accept targets proposed by the United States for reducing the climate-changing emissions and is prepared to work in concert with Obama to provide whatever political cover he needs to approve the project.” CBC says Obama has not yet responded to the letter.

The White House could not immediately confirm that the letter was received and a Harper spokesman declined to confirm the story.

“We do not comment on correspondence between leaders. The prime minister raises the job creating Keystone XL project every time he speaks with the president. The Keystone project is in both countries’ national interests and will create jobs and economic growth on both sides of the border while increasing North American energy security,” Harper spokesman Stephen Lecce said in a statement.

The letter marks the latest twist in the years-long battle over the pipeline, which if completed would carry oil sands crude from Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Texas. The Canadian government has been aggressively lobbying the Obama administration over the project, and Harper has touted Keystone directly to Obama. Other government officials have made frequent trips to Washington as part of the campaign to build support for the pipeline.

In June, Obama said the pipeline should be approved only if it “does not significantly exacerbate the problem of carbon pollution.”

Those remarks were broad enough to provide fodder both for Keystone supporters, who contend Canada will extract its oil with or without the pipeline, and opponents, who fear the extra emissions caused by extracting and refining the oil would wreak havoc on the Earth’s climate.

The pivotal question may be whether Harper’s offer is enough to meet the challenge Obama laid out in his climate speech and, perhaps more importantly, whether it gives Obama enough political cover in what has

become a symbolic fight over climate change, the future of the U.S. energy policy and the challenge of meeting current domestic energy needs in the face of an unstable Middle East.

Obama himself has sent some clues that Canada needs to take more action on climate change. He suggested in a July New York Times interview that Canada “could potentially be doing more” to counteract the greenhouse gas emissions being unleashed from Alberta’s oil sands.

Harper and Obama met Friday while at the G-20 summit in Russia, but reportedly sidelined Keystone XL to discuss Syria.

Observers long speculated that Canada may need to make a series of concessions in order for Obama to green-light the project. The president’s liberal and environmental base is bitterly opposed to Keystone.

Paul Bledsoe, a senior fellow on energy and climate at the German Marshall Fund and a former Clinton White House aide, said the letter could help secure approval of the pipeline.

“The Canadians have finally realized that they will probably have to make broader emissions reductions to gain approval of Keystone,” he said. “Not only is such a deal likely to lead to approval of Keystone, it could usher in much greater reductions from oil and gas development.”

In particular, he added, if the Canadians were to develop carbon capture and storage at the power plants used at the oil sands developments, this could be a “game-changer” for the electric power and oil and gas sectors.

But environmental groups quickly signaled that concessions from Canada won’t stop their vehement opposition to Keystone.

“There’s no details in the Harper government’s plan because they wouldn’t pass the laugh test,” Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune said in a statement following the report from CBC News. “Canada has gone from an international blue helmet hero to a global climate pariah and nothing they do or say should distract from the fact that destroying boreal forests to extract the world’s dirtiest oil is an unmitigatable climate disaster.”

Asked if Harper’s letter is a game changer, anti-Keystone XL activist Bill McKibben, the co-founder of 350.org, told POLITICO in an email, “Um, no. If you want to cut emissions, expanding the tarsands is the worst possible idea. It’s like my secret diet plan which starts with three ice cream sundaes.”

The real pivotal movement in the U.S. decision on the Keystone XL project will be the upcoming final environmental analysis the State Department is expected to release this fall, said Cindy Schild, senior manager for refining at the American Petroleum Institute and an executive director of the industry-backed Oil Sands Fact Check group.

Schild expects that analysis to echo the findings of the department’s four previous Keystone assessments, which said the project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. And she also said that Canada is already doing a lot to address greenhouse gas emissions.

“We think Canada actually has been doing quite a bit,” she said, noting that Canada accounts for about 2 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Alex Guillén contributed to this report. [back](#)

EPA pulls two planned chemicals rules [back](#)

EPA is withdrawing two long-sought chemical rules that had been collecting dusts for months at the White House.

The agency pulled a proposed rule under the Toxic Substances Control Act that would have listed three classes of chemicals — including the widely used bisphenol A, or BPA — as “chemicals of concern.”

A second proposed rule was also withdrawn that would have omitted health and safety studies on pre-market chemicals from being classified as confidential business information.

Both rules had been residing with the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for a long time.

“Despite a clear requirement that White House reviews of draft proposed rules be completed within 90 days, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) sat on these two draft proposals for 1,213 and 619 days, respectively,” [blogged](#) Environmental Defense Fund senior scientist Richard Denison.

It’s the withdrawal of the first rule — which would have enabled EPA to obtain and publish more information than normally allowed on the chemicals like BPA — that has particularly ruffled the feathers of chemical industry watchdogs.

“It is a big deal,” Center for Progressive Reform President Rena Steinzor said.

EPA issued a statement saying it was withdrawing two proposed rules “after determining that they are no longer necessary.”

The agency has “developed a Work Plan of more than 80 chemicals for risk assessment and risk reduction, as warranted, instead of utilizing” authority under TSCA “to simply list chemicals that may pose a concern,” according to the EPA statement.

The agency so far has released five draft risk assessments for public comment and peer review and started work assessing 23 other chemicals. EPA expects to start risk assessments on all the chemicals listed in the Work Plan by 2017.

Steinzor is skeptical that a full risk assessment of all 80 chemicals will be finished anytime soon.

“My children will have grandchildren before this happens,” she said. “We watch grass grow, we watch paint dry.”

Steinzor is particularly concerned that no action will be taken for a while on BPA, an endocrine disruptor that is widely used to make plastic in baby and water bottles, sports equipment, DVDs, and food and beverage cans.

Chemical industry watchdogs said EPA merely catered to the demands of the industry, which praised the agency’s move.

“We strongly support the agency’s decision to withdraw these proposals and commend EPA for choosing a course of action that will ultimately strengthen the performance of the nation’s primary chemical management law, the Toxic Substances Control Act,” the American Chemistry Council said in a statement.

“The proposals were rendered unnecessary when EPA wisely chose to adopt a better approach for prioritizing chemicals and reviewing claims for confidential chemical information under TSCA,” ACC said, noting that in the 37 years since TSCA was enacted, EPA never used its authority to identify chemicals requiring additional review except the 83 the agency identified in 2012 in its Work Plan Chemicals strategy.

But Steinzor and other advocates complain the withdrawal of the two proposed rules is symptomatic of a larger problem with EPA’s overall oversight of the chemical industry.

Since 2009, the Government Accountability Office has [listed](#) EPA’s chemical oversight with other “agencies and program areas that are high-risk due to their vulnerabilities to fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement, or are most in need of transformation.”

Congress is seeking to update TSCA but those efforts may be easily skirted despite bipartisan proposals, such as those from Environment and Public Works ranking member David Vitter (R-La.) and the late-Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.).

In addition to an effort by Environment and Public Works Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) to win a [compromise](#) to protect her state’s oversight powers, the Vitter-Lautenberg plan has drawn criticism from some public health and environmental groups.

But Denison said he’s not aware of any legal options to combat the withdrawal of the two EPA proposals and lamented that OMB isn’t required to explain why it chose to not to take any action until EPA took them back.

“It was pretty clear those rules were never going to be advanced,” he said. “It’s additionally frustrating because there’s no transparency required. OIRA doesn’t have to say why they sat on these rules.”[back](#)

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From: Corneli, Steve <Steven.Corneli@nrgenergy.com>
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Joe, here's the newest, slightly revised version in its entirety.

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To: Corneli, Steve
Subject: RE: David Crane/NRG Meeting with Administrator on Monday

Btw, and with embarrassment on my part, the copy of the paper I have is missing pages 1 and 2. If you could find a way to transmit them to me, I would be grateful. Thanks.

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From: Corneli, Steve [mailto:Steven.Corneli@nrgenergy.com]
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To: Goffman, Joseph
Cc: Martella, Roger; Karen, Catherine
Subject: Re: David Crane/NRG Meeting with Administrator on Monday

Joe, My thought was to say we have a paper we would be happy to share, but not to mention we had shared an earlier draft with you -- unless you'd rather I do.

Sorry we'll miss you.

Steve Corneli

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On Sep 7, 2013, at 2:05 PM, "Goffman, Joseph" <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov<mailto:Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>> wrote:

Hello, All. Checking in on Monday's meeting. Unfortunately, I have a conflict (as does Janet McCabe) and will miss seeing you all and Mr. Crane, so let me know if we need to compare notes after Janet or I talk to the Administrator.

One thing I did want to pin down was the status of the paper Steve and Roger shared with me at the end of July. At the time, it seemed as if your plan was to share it on a very much below-the-radar retail basis. Given that, to what I extent, if at all, will David Crane and you be bringing it up with the Administrator on Monday?

Many thanks.

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Fyi.

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To: Dunham, Sarah; DeMocker, Jim; Irving, Bill
Cc: Jenkins, Jennifer; Ohrel, Sara; Wood, Anna; Doster, Brian
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Fyi - making a land use policy-based argument for differential treatment of biogenic CO2 emissions under PSD and Title V. Thanks.

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Dear Joe, Sara and Jennifer

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We hope you find this information helpful.

Best Regards

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Subject: 111(d) Webinar Coordination

Again, here is the link for the webinar today—and I have attached a compilation of all the speaker slides, along with a few rest-stops along the way. Let me know if anything looks altered in your sections—I carefully imported your files and double checked that they remained true to themselves—but it can't hurt to be careful. Thank you again for your help and patience with everything, I can't wait for the call this afternoon and the webinar tomorrow!!

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Subject: FW: Invitation to speak to the Coal Utilization Research Council
Attachments: What is CURC.pdf

This is a re-send, albeit with the Membership list attached. Seeking guidance on how to respond. Thanks.

From: Megan P. Walters [mailto:MPW@vnf.com]
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 4:06 PM
To: 'HILTON Robert G'; Goffman, Joseph
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak to the Coal Utilization Research Council

Also, Joe, I meant to include CURC's brochure that provides a list of our members. Please see the attached. If you'd like any further information about our coalition, please let me know and I'm happy to pass along more details.

From: Megan P. Walters
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 3:24 PM
To: 'HILTON Robert G'; Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov
Subject: RE: Invitation to speak to the Coal Utilization Research Council

Thanks, Bob. I appreciate the introduction!

Joe – As Bob suggested, I wanted to extend to you an invitation to attend and speak at the Coal Utilization Research Council's upcoming General Membership meeting. The CURC Fall 2013 meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 4th from 10:15 am to 4:15 pm in Washington, D.C. at the Edison Electric Institute (EEI).

As you'll see from the attached draft agenda, we have 30 minutes set aside for an EPA representative to come review the revised NSPS for new coal-fired power plants that is scheduled to be released on September 20. We are hoping that you might be willing and available at that time.

If you are, I hope you will consider joining us for the meeting -- either just for your scheduled time slot for the entire length of the meeting (11:20 am – 4:15 pm). If time permits, please also feel free to join us the evening before for the CURC cocktail reception which will be taking place from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at The 701 Restaurant & Bar next to EEI.

Further details regarding hotels and logistics, if needed, may be found on the attached save-the-date flyer. Feel free to call with any questions. Thanks for your consideration. I hope to see you next month!

Best,
Megan

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Joe, I have been asked to provide an introduction to you to the Coal Utilization Research Council and Megan Walters with the intent of CURC asking you to attend our upcoming meeting on Thursday October 3, 2013 to be held at EEI's offices. I will let her contact you with more detail than just the agenda I attached. As you know, CURC is a group of coal companies, utilities, equipment suppliers, and other participants. Our website is www.coal.org. CURC has commented on different EPA regulations including NSPS and recently met with OMD/OIRA with EPA folks calling in. I probably have invited you already but I leave Megan to follow up with details.

Best regards,
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Also, Joe, I meant to include CURC's brochure that provides a list of our members. Please see the attached. If you'd like any further information about our coalition, please let me know and I'm happy to pass along more details.

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To: Tsirigotis, Peter;Conner, Lisa;Dunham, Sarah
Subject: FW: Questions to support EPA's stakeholder engagement process
Attachments: GCCQuestionsforEPA_final.docx; GCCQuestionsforEPA_final.pdf

Just wanted to make sure you had these. Thanks.

From: Vicki Arroyo [mailto:arroyo@law.georgetown.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 3:43 PM
To: McCabe, Janet; Goffman, Joseph
Cc: Kathryn A. Zyla; Gabriel S Pacyniak
Subject: Questions to support EPA's stakeholder engagement process
Importance: High

Dear Janet and Joe,

Please find attached questions developed by the Georgetown Climate Center in collaboration with a group of state agency leaders related to the development of greenhouse gas standards for existing power plants. The Georgetown Climate Center applauds the President's leadership on this issue and encourages EPA to seek input on these questions as it begins engaging with states and other stakeholders pursuant to President Obama's June 25th Memorandum.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or my Deputy Director, Kate Zyla (cc'd here), if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you as you move forward in this important work.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

All best,
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From: Lisa Jacobson <ljacobson@bcse.org>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 12:53 PM
To: McCabe, Janet
Cc: Browne, Cynthia;Ketcham-Colwill, Nancy;Wickwire, Susan;Goffman, Joseph;Dunham, Sarah
Subject: Update on invite to serve as keynote speaker at BCSE Membership Meeting....
Attachments: BCSE Speaking Invitation_McCarthy_8 15 13.pdf; About the BCSE_6.17.pdf; BCSE Clean Energy Partners.pdf

Good afternoon Assistant Administrator McCabe.

It was extremely valuable for a delegation of Business Council for Sustainable Energy members to meet with Joe Goffman, Sarah Dunham and members of their staffs this week to discuss the outreach strategy and other issues related to the development of carbon regulations for existing power plants.

Per our discussion in August and the note below, the Council has invited Administrator McCarthy to address its members as part of our annual membership meeting in Washington, DC on October 10th. I just learned this morning that Administrator McCarthy is unable to attend.

I am hoping that you will be able to attend and make the keynote remarks. This will provide a distinct opportunity to meet with a broad range of businesses and business organizations that provide low-carbon technologies, products and services in the US market. They very much need to hear from EPA about it's approach and how they can be a resource to states and EPA over the next year as you develop the 111d guidance.

Please see the additional information on this meeting invitation attached and below and please let me know if you would like to discuss this on the phone. I have flexibility on when you might speak -- but the opening morning slot or lunch slot are available as options or we can discuss another time that works for you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa

From: Lisa Jacobson [mailto:ljacobson@bcse.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2013 2:28 PM
To: 'McCabe, Janet'
Cc: 'Browne, Cynthia'; 'Ketcham-Colwill, Nancy Council on Sustainable Energy)'; 'Zoe Berkery'
Subject: Thank you for the meet and greet call last week and invite to Administrator McCarthy to serve as keynote speaker at BCSE Membership Meeting....

Good afternoon Janet.

It was a pleasure to speak with you last week and I appreciate your interest in reaching out to business groups like the Business Council for Sustainable Energy as you take on your important new role at EPA.

As we discussed, the Council is a coalition of over 50 companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors. It includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power, equipment manufacturers, service providers and commercial end-users. Founded in 1992, the Council advocates for energy and environmental policies that support the revitalization of the economy and the creation of a secure, clean and reliable energy future for America.

You may find of interest, the recent BCSE-Bloomberg New Energy Finance report, *Sustainable Energy in America Factbook 2013*. The *Factbook* demonstrates how homegrown clean energy sources are changing the energy landscape. These rapid changes are lowering U.S. emissions while powering the economy and providing a diverse portfolio of energy

options to businesses and households. Materials regarding the *Factbook* are attached for your reference. For a complete copy of the *Factbook*, please visit the Council's website at www.bcse.org/sustainableenergyfactbook.html.

Per our discussion, I wanted to share again some general feedback for EPA's consideration as you embark on your outreach efforts with stakeholders as you implement the President's Memorandum.

- Consider holding stakeholder sessions where both the regulators and the business community (regulated and non-regulated entities) are present. It is important not to stovepipe this outreach. While there may be times when outreach should be catered to regulators or a particular stakeholder group, it is extremely valuable for the range of players to hear each other in real time and progress in their thinking together.
- The utility sector should be actively engaged in the process
- Energy technology providers, especially non-regulated energy efficiency, renewable energy and natural gas businesses should be a focus for outreach. This is key to ensure that the rules work from a practical perspective on the ground.

In addition, please find the attached letter of invitation to Administrator McCarthy to serve as the keynote speaker at the Council's annual membership meeting in Washington, DC on October 10th. We expect 75 senior energy executives to attend and it would provide a forum for BCSE members to hear Administrator McCarthy's vision for EPA as well as to discuss opportunities for input into upcoming rulemakings. *Please let me know if there is a point of contact in the Administrator's office to facilitate scheduling.*

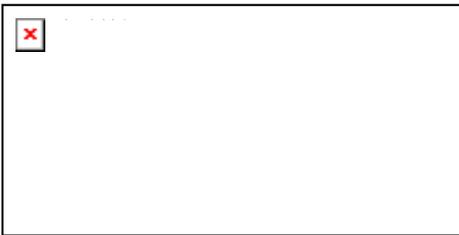
Once again, thank you for your time and thoughtful outreach. BCSE members hope to be a valued resource to you and your staff at this critical time for air quality and climate change policy.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you and I look forward to introducing you to BCSE's membership.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 12-1182, 12-1183 supporting states-cities brief.pdf

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Cc: Dunham, Sarah
Subject: supporting states' brief in EPA v. EME Homer City Generation, L.P.

Hi all:

Attached is the brief that the states and cities supporting EPA filed on Wednesday at the Supreme Court in the Homer City litigation. Like the three other filed briefs that I forwarded on Wednesday, this is a public document, so feel to share. As always, any press inquiries about the litigation should be directed to DOJ.

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Subject: POLITICO's Morning Transportation: A look at TIGER's 52 projects - Foxx: 'America is hungry for transportation projects'

By Adam Snider

Featuring Scott Wong

BETTER THAN ROCKY V - TIGER V: DOT has officially rolled out its list of 52 road, bridge, port, pedestrian, rail and other projects winning \$474 million from the fifth round of TIGER funding. Port projects won \$104 million and rail-related work got over \$200 million, according to industry groups happy with the results. 37 states got in on the funding action; 25 of the 52 grants, worth \$123 million, are for projects in rural areas; and four tribal governments got \$17 million. The largest single grant - \$20 million - went to an 11-station extension of the streetcar system in downtown Kansas City. "These projects are truly ones that have the power to transform communities," Foxx said on a conference call with the mayors of Atlanta and Indianapolis. TIGER grants "represent the kind of work we should be doing across the country. These grants make the best argument for increased investments in transportation," he said.

More info: Via DOT, check out a full list of the 52 TIGER grants (<http://www.dot.gov/tiger>) or more information on each project (<http://1.usa.gov/lamh8bl>). Transportation Issues Daily has lots of good info, like a modal breakdown of the winners and the top-grossing states (<http://bit.ly/15zvM7g>) and a list of the projects from most to least expensive (<http://bit.ly/153bfeH>).

Downward trend: The fifth round of TIGER was the smallest yet - the funding has gone down with each new batch. The program got \$1.5 billion when it was created in the 2009 stimulus package, followed by rounds of \$600 million, \$527 million and \$500 million before the newest installment of \$474 million.

BONUS FOXX: "America is hungry for transportation projects, and that's the message the House and Senate need to hear loud and clear as they come back from recess. We need Congress to pass a long-term transportation bill that provides the funding President Obama requested in his budget so we can continue encouraging innovation and address our long- and short-term infrastructure needs," Foxx said on the conference call. "Every day we wait to invest in our infrastructure is a day that puts us behind the competition, it's a day we're not doing right by our kids and our grandkids, and it's just not acceptable."

FRIDAYS DON'T COME OFTEN ENOUGH. Thanks for reading POLITICO's Morning Transportation, your daily tipsheet on trains, planes and automobiles, where today your host is marveling at how the time flies - it was exactly a year ago that President Barack Obama and VP Joe Biden wrapped up a Democratic National Convention that saw its fair share of infrastructure shout-outs. Please be in touch: asnider@politico.com. And follow on Twitter: [@AdamKSnider](https://twitter.com/AdamKSnider) and [@POLITICOPro](https://twitter.com/POLITICOPro).

"You go out at night eating cars ..." <http://bit.ly/15nSYVU> (h/t Matt Daily)

PROGRAMMING NOTE: Your regular host is off today; Kathy takes the MT reins today and will bring you Monday's edition, so hit her up if you've got something big: kwolfe@politico.com

GADGET FIGHT FLYING HIGH: Sen. Claire McCaskill and the FAA are continuing their back-and-forth over allowing passengers to use iPads, Kindles and other electronic devices while planes take off and land. FAA Administrator Michael Huerta has now written the Missouri Democrat and nine other senators to say his agency was committed to addressing the issue but would wait for an advisory panel to make recommendations at the end of the month. It was a response to an August letter from the senators urging the FAA to quickly make changes to the 1960s-era regulations, put in place because of worries that electromagnetic interference could disrupt a plane's navigation systems. Scott takes it away for Pros: <http://politico.pro/15CgUei>

MAILBAG - Wrap it up: Officials from an array of consumer, traveler and airline passenger groups are asking OMB to issue a rule responding to the rise in checked bag and other airline fees. The rulemaking process started on April 4, 2011, the groups wrote to OMB Director Sylvia Mathews Burwell, but has been stuck at the White House's regulatory arm for the past 880 days. "This final OMB delay needs to end. After five years of frustration, it's time to release this long overdue rulemaking. The tens of millions of airline consumers that we represent deserve better from both the airlines and the regulatory bodies that are tasked with consumer protection rules and enforcement," the letter says. Read it here: <http://politico.pro/15yxw0u>

Hands on: The FAA Managers Association wrote Foxx and OMB's Burwell to support using Airport Improvement Fund money to avoid any FAA furloughs in the CR. The AIP program lost \$253 million this fiscal year when Congress avoided sequester-induced furloughs by giving FAA explicit authority to transfer the funds. ACI-NA and other airport groups are opposed to the funding shift. Read the letter: <http://bit.ly/17ANt6e>

ACCORD-ING TO HONDA: The automaker will announce today that the 2014 Accord Hybrid has a 50 mpg city/45 highway fuel efficiency rating from the EPA. It's the most fuel-efficient car in its class and has a 673 mile range, 46 more than the next-best competitor.

MICKY MOUSE AND ELECTRIC CARS: Today officials from the Electrification Coalition, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Nissan and Sabre Holdings launch Drive Electric Orlando, the nation's largest electric car rental initiative. Hotels, theme parks and rental companies will team up to give tourists the option to drive an EV on their trip to see Mickey. Partners include Chevrolet, Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, Sea World Orlando and the Orlando International Airport.

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IN TODAY'S FEDERAL REGISTER - Highway project financial plans: FHWA is asking for comments on a guidance on how the agency reviews and approves financial plans. The changes were called for in MAP-21 and include recommendations for a 2009 GAO report on cost oversight, according to FHWA. <http://1.usa.gov/13iWIA2>

Rail car safety: PHMSA issues an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking to improve safety for rail cars transporting hazardous materials, stemming from eight petitions and four NTSB recommendations. <http://1.usa.gov/1dUI4Bp>

TRANSPORTING YOURSELF AROUND D.C. THIS WEEKEND: Buses replace trains on the Red Line between Rhode Island Ave. and Judiciary Square, with NoMa-Gallaudet and Union Station closed. Same for the Orange Line between Vienna and Ballston, with the four stops in between closed. All stations are open on the Blue, Green and Yellow lines. WMATA has the details: <http://bit.ly/1aSy08S>

11th Street bridge: DDOT has a Saturday celebration to dedicate the 11th Street bridge. Government and other officials will be on hand, as will "family- friendly activities, music and food." More info on the project: <http://bit.ly/1fCkrYQ>

THE AUTOBAHN (SPEED READ)

- The kittens rescued from the New York subway are in a temporary foster home ahead of permanent adoption. Transpo Nation has the cute pictures: <http://wny.cc/17Iil73>
- A look at the ongoing feud between Delta and Korean Air. Cranky Flier: <http://bit.ly/17bLAjs>
- Trivia tidbit: The National Zoo's panda webcam is sponsored by a grant from the Ford Motor Company Fund. POLITICO Influence: <http://politi.co/152rzMY>
- DOE sells off its \$45 million loan to the shuttered Vehicle Production Group for \$3 million.
- Metro will hold six public hearings on proposed bus service changes. <http://bit.ly/15CRUDL>
- The railroad involved in the fatal crash in Canada could be sold by year's end. AP: <http://bit.ly/15CS12c>

PI THEFT - Kinzel flies to Delta: Speaker John Boehner's policy staffer Will Kinzel is exiting Capitol Hill to become managing director of government affairs at Delta Airlines. Kinzel, who joined Boehner's shop in 2009, has been a top adviser to the speaker on issues like transportation and aviation policy. Delta has four other registered in-house lobbyists, including Andrea Newman, a close ally to House Majority Whip Eric Cantor.

THE COUNTDOWN: DOT funding and passenger rail policy both run out in 25 days. Surface transportation policy is up in 390 days and FAA policy in 755 days. The mid-term elections are in 424 days.

CABOOSE - Millipedes: The Atlantic Cities looks at the 1953 Australian infestation of Black Portuguese millipedes, looking nothing like their Atari counterpart, which "are known not only for their distinctive black shell, but also for the terrible odor they emit." The bugs were all over the place - including on rail tracks, leading to one train rear-ending another on tracks slippery with bug guts. Read on: <http://bit.ly/1aSJxVN>

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From: POLITICO Pro Energy <politicoemail@politicopro.com>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 5:35 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: Morning Energy, presented by POWERJobs: Utility CEOs meet with McCarthy on emissions, cooling tower rules – DOE sells VPG loan for loss

By Alex Guillén | 9/6/13 5:33 AM EDT

THE TWO (COOLING) TOWERS — UTILITY CEOS MEETS WITH McCARTHY ON EMISSIONS, COOLING TOWER RULES: Representatives from the Edison Electric Institute and utility CEOs met with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy yesterday to lay out industry concerns about two forthcoming proposed rules, according to an EEI official who was at the meeting. The CEOs got face time to discuss the carbon emissions rule for new power plants — a regulation critics say would essentially stop all new coal and will set the stage for a rule for existing power plants as well — as well as the so-called 316(b) cooling tower rule, both of which are due to be released in the near future. The official said it seems that EPA is working on some of the major problems with the emissions rule flagged over the original version that came out in 2012 and was replaced with the version now being reviewed by the White House Office of Management and Budget.

— Besides emissions limits they fear could be too stringent for coal, the CEOs also reiterated that EPA shouldn't require carbon capture and storage technology, which is not yet commercially viable. Attendees also told McCarthy her agency needs to properly consider excess emissions released at natural gas plants during start-up and shutdown processes, the EEI official told ME.

Speaking of the emissions rule for new power plants: The American Public Power Association on Wednesday urged the Obama administration to set emissions standards at levels coal plants can currently meet, not via CCS. Your morning host has more: <http://politico.pro/1ejHRUY>

WELCOME TO RIVENDELL, FRODO BAGGINS — or at least, welcome to a special “Lord of the Rings”-themed edition of Morning Energy. Take the ring to Mordor, but send your energy news to aguillen@politico.com, and follow on Twitter the whole Pro Energy fellowship: <http://bit.ly/Qad8Rb>

BUCKLEBURY FERRY WAS ALSO HIT WITH PENALTIES: Shell will pay \$1.1 million in penalties to EPA to settle Clean Air Act permit violations from their oil and gas exploration in the Arctic. The majority of the penalty comes from violations aboard Shell's Discoverer vessel while in the Chukchi Sea, while the rest is comes from violations on the Kulluk drilling rig, which was damaged after running aground earlier this year, in the Beaufort Sea. The Kulluk issue and other missteps have kept Shell from drilling again this year. “For 2012 operations offshore Alaska, Shell accepted stringent emission limits that were based on assumptions and modeling,” Shell spokesman Curtis Smith told ME. “Following a season of operations, we now better understand how emissions control equipment actually functions in Arctic conditions.” He added that Shell did not exceed its overall allowable emissions for the year and that the emissions did not have a negative impact on nearby residents. Consent agreements for the Discoverer: <http://1.usa.gov/13H25U> and Kulluk: <http://1.usa.gov/UVwf3V>

MEANWHILE, ME STILL DOESN'T GET WHY THEY DIDN'T JUST FLY ON THE EAGLES: The Energy Department has sold off its loan to the shuttered Vehicle Production Group, losing about \$42 million in total on the original loan. DOE sold the outstanding \$45 million debt to AM General, an Indiana-based auto manufacturer known for creating Hummers and Humvees, for \$3 million. DOE will recoup \$8 million of its original \$50 million loan — a figure that includes the \$5 million VPG paid down earlier this year after the

company ceased operations. “After exhausting any realistic possibility for a sale that might have protected our entire investment, the Department determined that auctioning the remainder of VPG’s loan obligation offered the best possible recovery for the taxpayer,” DOE spokesman Bill Gibbons said.

A JOURNEY TO THE NORTH: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Ron Wyden is in North Dakota today and tomorrow for a visit to the state's bustling oil and gas region alongside Sen. John Hoeven. The Oregon Democrat's agenda today includes a visit to an ethanol biorefinery, a tour of a Whiting oil rig and fracking site, a visit to a gas plant and a roundtable discussion with the Bakken community. Tomorrow, Wyden and Hoeven hop around a "man-camp" to see infrastructure growth.

A message from POWERJobs: New jobs on our radar this week: Manager, Government Relations at AFPM, Senior Manager, Outreach & Enrollment at National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors and Senior Legislative Counsel at Human Rights Campaign. Interested? Apply to these jobs and more at POWERJobs.com; finally, a career site made for YOU!

HARD TO FOIA MESSAGES SENT VIA THE STONE OF ORTHANC: Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) alleged Thursday that outgoing FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff was influenced by politics when he insisted in 2010 that the Obama administration can mitigate any reduction in electricity generation caused by EPA regulations. But the senator, the top Republican on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, offered scant evidence to support the allegation. Andrew Restuccia has more for Pros: <http://politico.pro/1aSPuln>

IN TODAY’S FEDERAL REGISTER — TREASURY PROPOSES RESTORE ACT RULE: The Treasury Department is publishing its proposed rule governing procedures under the RESTORE Act, which funnels most of the administrative and civil penalties paid in connection with the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster to Gulf Coast states, the federal Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council and other entities. From the proposed rule: “Overseeing compliance will be a responsibility resting primarily with the Federal and State entities which administer grants for the programs, projects, and activities funded under the Act. Treasury will carry out an important and supplemental role in overseeing the States’ compliance with requirements in the Comprehensive Plan Component and the Spill Impact Component.” Public comments on the 54-page rule are due within 60 days. The document: <http://bit.ly/17I8eiu>

BP, FEDS BATTLE IN COURT OVER SPILL ESTIMATES: Via the AP: “With a high-stakes trial set to resume in less than a month, BP and the federal government on Thursday offered conflicting estimates of how much oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico after the blowout of the company's Macondo well triggered a deadly explosion. In a court filing, BP urges U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier to use an estimate of 2.45 million barrels, or nearly 103 million gallons, in calculating any Clean Water Act fines. Justice Department experts estimate that around 4.2 million barrels, or approximately 176 million gallons, spilled into the water before BP sealed its well 86 days after the April 20, 2010, blowout.” AP: <http://bit.ly/1dL7rn8>

NO COMMENT FROM THE MINES OF MORIA: Sen. Jay Rockefeller called the White House on Wednesday to urge reviewers there to speed up a review of a coal dust rule aimed at preventing black lung, the West Virginia Democrat said at a roundtable discussion in his home state yesterday. “No one has to get black lung disease. It is not inevitable,” he said. “And it is well past time we relegate this terrible disease to the archives of history.” There were reportedly 9,600 coal miner deaths nationwide between 1996 and 2005. AP has more: <http://bit.ly/18GR8Az>

YOU SHALL NOT PASS... THROUGH CUSTOMS: Solar manufacturer SolarWorld, which last year got the Commerce Department to slap tariffs of 31 percent to 250 percent on photovoltaic imports from China, isn’t happy with how things turned out — and it’s taking its beef to the U.S. Court of International Trade in New York. In recent court filings, SolarWorld argues that several Chinese manufacturers failed to disclose their

owners to show they are free of control by the Chinese government. The companies thus nabbed lower tariff rates and should be subject to higher rates, SolarWorld says. The company also complained that Commerce undervalues some aluminum frames used in making Chinese panels. SolarWorld's court filing: <http://politico.pro/14nFONZ>

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HOBBIT HITS

— The bankrupt railroad whose runaway train caused the Lac-Mégantic disaster could be sold by the end of this year, a trustee says. AP: <http://bit.ly/14nJ1x0>

— Democrat Allyson Schwartz, running for governor in Pennsylvania, wants to institute a five percent tax on gas drilling in the state. AP: <http://press.sn/19m4jZR>

— China is having problems tapping its shale gas reserves. Reuters: <http://reut.rs/18GIOSm>

— Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will be at the White House Monday for an event on wildlife trafficking. AP: <http://bit.ly/15zePKd>

— Orlando has a new electric car rental program. AP: <http://wapo.st/1ab93md>

— The energy industry is looking for people with high math and science aptitudes, ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson writes in a Wall Street Journal op-ed on education issues: <http://on.wsj.com/1636eCN>

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Power group airs greenhouse gas concerns [back](#)

By Alex Guillén | 9/5/13 4:07 PM EDT

The American Public Power Association urged the Obama administration this week to set carbon dioxide emissions standards for future coal-fired power plants at levels that can be met with current technology — unlike the proposal that EPA originally [unveiled](#) in March 2012.

Representatives from the trade group [met](#) Wednesday with officials from the White House Office of Management and Budget, EPA, the Council on Environmental Quality and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to discuss OMB's ongoing consideration of the retooled greenhouse gas rule that the administration is due to release by Sept. 20.

The industry reps said setting emissions levels for coal-fired power plants at 1,100 pounds per megawatt-hour, a level most natural gas-fired plants can meet, is “unrealistic” given current technologies.

Carbon capture and storage technology, APPA said in a [presentation](#) posted online by OMB, “is highly unlikely to be commercially available within the 8-year NSPS review.”

Instead, APPA suggests setting the coal standard between 1,900 and 1,950 pounds per MWh, a level it says currently available technology can achieve. The level could then be revisited during an eight-year review to consider any developments in carbon capture technology, the group said.

While the gas standard can remain at 1,100 pounds per MWh, APPA added, EPA should “provide flexibility for actual operating conditions.” For example, the group suggests giving special consideration for emissions produced while a gas plant is ramping up to step in as back-up when wind power fails, the group says.

APPA also suggested that the administration carefully consider whether the proper pipeline and storage infrastructure exists to switch large regions from coal to natural gas.

Administration officials also met last week with representatives of the Coal Utilization Research Council, a coal-advocacy coalition, according to newly posted OMB [records](#).

Attending the meeting were representatives from CURC members United Mine Workers of America, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Alstom Power and Babcock & Wilcox.

A [document](#) from the meeting posted by OMB, dated June 2012, outlines CURC's concerns with EPA's previous emissions rule for new power plants. EPA [replaced](#) that rule with a newly rewritten one this summer as part of President Barack Obama's climate change agenda, though it has yet to release it to the public.[back](#)

Vitter says FERC chief was influenced by politics on EPA [back](#)

By Andrew Restuccia | 9/5/13 5:49 PM EDT

Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) alleged Thursday that outgoing FERC Chairman Jon Wellinghoff was influenced by politics when he insisted in 2010 that the Obama administration can mitigate any reduction in electricity generation caused by EPA regulations.

But the senator, the top Republican on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, offered scant evidence to support the allegation.

Vitter's office released 2010 [email exchanges](#) that appear to show former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson saying she and Wellinghoff had agreed to set up a monthly coffee meeting. The officials' decision to meet regularly does not offer any details to show clear evidence of “collusion” or “political interference,” though it was enough for Vitter's office to levy the allegations.

Jackson and Wellinghoff's apparent decision to meet regularly came after an EPA official suggested in an October 2010 email that Jackson "might consider calling FERC Chairman Wellinghoff to thank him for his very helpful comments" in an Oct. 26 [POLITICO story](#).

In the story, Wellinghoff said, "We understand that there are certain problems that could occur if these regulations do in fact cause the closing of a number of coal plants. But it doesn't mean that they can't be dealt with."

The email exchange appears to show that Jackson's staff set up a call with Wellinghoff in response to his comments to POLITICO. And Jackson, emailing from her secondary EPA email address under the pseudonym Richard Windsor, says at the end of the chain that she and Wellinghoff "agreed to have a monthly coffee."

An earlier [email exchange](#) from July 2010 appears to show a Natural Resources Defense Council official forwarding a news story about an upcoming FERC forum on EPA rules and grid reliability to several top EPA officials. The NRDC officials says, "I trust that EPA will plan to participate in this." An EPA official subsequently emailed other officials at the agency, including Jackson and Gina McCarthy, then EPA's top air official, to say, "Wanted to make sure you saw this ... Gina, weren't you reaching out to FERC?"

In a [letter](#) to Wellinghoff Thursday citing the email exchanges, Vitter writes, "As affordable energy is the lifeblood of our economy, it is essential that FERC maintain its commitment to the American public and execute policies free from political interference. Unfortunately, the committee has uncovered evidence that suggests that as chairman of FERC, you have failed to act in accordance with this important mandate."

Vitter says the emails indicate that "on EPA's behalf, and perhaps direction, you publicly indicated that regulatory actions would not impact electric generation or grid reliability." Vitter asks Wellinghoff to provide answers by Sept. 19 to several questions, including whether anybody in the administration attempted to influence his opinion about the effect of EPA regulations on reliability.

"I am not convinced that the FERC chairman acted without political influence when he publicly supported EPA's regulations that would shut down a significant number of power plants across the United States and increase Americans' utility bills," Vitter said in a subsequent statement.

He also called on Ron Binz, the nominee to replace Wellinghoff as FERC chairman, "to commit to executing the Commission's duties and policies free from political interference."

A FERC spokeswoman declined to comment, noting that it is the commission's policy to "not comment publicly on any communications from members of Congress." An EPA spokeswoman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.[back](#)

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Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 5:50 PM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: Pro Report, Presented by POWERJobs: Leading GOP Senate 2016ers all oppose Syria action — Obama spends his political capital — Progressives form anti-war coalition

By Kevin Cirilli | 9/5/13 5:42 PM EDT

WHILE YOU WERE WORKING: Libertarian godfather Ron Paul went on MSNBC to talk Syria in an explosive nearly 15 minute interview with anchor Alex Witt.

— **RON PAUL ON SYRIA:** “I think there’s a historic event going on here and if this vote is won — that is, defeat the request to have a more military approach to Syria — I think it will be historic because it would be a grand coalition of the libertarian Republicans and the Democratic progressives. Everybody’s worried about the split in the Democrats, the split in the Republicans. I’m delighted with that split because it’s pushing people together who are on opposite ends of the spectrum, one which I enjoy ... The grand deception is that we’re doing this for national security — that is so bizarre.”

— **ON SON SEN. RAND PAUL:** “No, I don’t [speak to him on the phone regularly]. As a matter of fact, he goes his way and I go my way because we’re pretty independent minded. But he obviously has views very similar to mine, and he has spoken out pretty strongly to this war, so I haven’t sensed that he has much of a different position.” POLITICO’s Lucy McCalmont with the recap: <http://politi.co/1cLN7Pm> Speaking of Rand ...

LEADING GOP SENATE 2016ers ALL OPPOSE SYRIA ACTION: Sens. Paul, Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) each oppose military action in Syria, as NBC News’s political team noted. “The three Senate Republicans who could possibly run for president in 2016 — Rubio, Ted Cruz, Rand Paul — all appear opposed to using force in Syria. As one of us wrote earlier this week, Republicans have to navigate two cross-currents here: (1) the GOP base’s dislike of Obama, and (2) the GOP base’s desire to always side with Israel and its interests.

Well, we know what force is winning so far. The Rubio/Cruz/Paul opposition to using military force in Syria does create a GIANT opening for a conservative hawk in the 2016 field. (Hello, Chris Christie?) By the way, you have to wonder if Rubio’s co-authorship of the Senate immigration bill influenced his vote on Syria ... Rubio’s decision was a noticeable reversal from his past rhetoric and actions.” Read the analysis: <http://nbcnews.to/17GYhln>

POP QUIZ: Which GOP senator canceled a trip to New Hampshire tomorrow in order to attend Syria briefings on the Hill? Keep reading ...

THIS IS PRO REPORT. And I’m Kevin Cirilli. Rachael Bade is off today and tomorrow, so they’ve brought me off the bench. And there’s a *ton* happening in Syria. So email your thoughts: kcirilli@politico.com. Tweet: [@kevcirilli](https://twitter.com/kevcirilli). Back to Syria, where a surprising alliance of tea partiers and progressives could look to stall Obama’s foreign policy plans...

OBAMA SPENDS HIS CAPITAL: The White House says it’s unknown how Syria will impact President Barack Obama’s second-term agenda. But POLITICO’s Carrie Budoff Brown and Jake Sherman report that his political capital is spreading thin: “[With Syria, Obama] appears ready to spend a lot of the political capital that

he would have kept in reserve for his domestic priorities. A resolution authorizing the use of force in Syria won't make it through the House or the Senate without significant cajoling from the White House. That means Obama, who struggles to get Congress to follow his lead on almost everything, could burn his limited leverage persuading Democrats and Republicans to vote for an unpopular military operation that even the president says he could carry out with or without their approval." Full story: <http://politi.co/1eivadd>

PROGRESSIVES FORM ANTI-WAR COALITION, Pro Defense's Leigh Munsil with the story: "A coalition of progressive groups is calling on Congress to vote down the authorization for military intervention in Syria. 'The House is where we're going to be able to stop this war,' said Becky Bond, the political director for CREDO Action, a social change organization that funds progressive nonprofits. 'The House is quite divided, the majority of the members have not made up their mind and there's a growing number of members on both sides of the aisle that are going to vote no or are leaning no. The White House is putting an enormous amount of pressure on these members.' So in response to the Obama administration push, CREDO and Moveon.Org have called for a 'day of action' on Sept. 9 to call on members of Congress to vote no on Syrian intervention, and want to organize thousands of calls and emails to congressional offices asking lawmakers to oppose military action." <http://politico.pro/17zRpUM>

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TOP 10: 'COUNTRIES SUPPORTING ACTION IN SYRIA' EDITION: The State Department released a list of 10 countries that support a U.S. response to Syria using chemical weapons: Australia, Albania, Canada, Denmark, France, Kosovo, Poland, Turkey and Romania... but wait — that's only nine! America would be the 10th country. That's if Congress approves ...

SENATORS STILL SKEPTICAL OF U.S. ACTION: POLITICO's Burgess Everett and Seung Min Kim reported mid-morning today that senators remain skeptical of military action in Syria: "Senators continued to express doubt over a proposed congressional authorization of military force in Syria as top Obama administration officials kicked off two jam-packed days of closed briefings intended to drum up support for the resolution.

Entering the briefing in the Hart Office Building, several members of the Senate Intelligence Committee said they are firmly undecided on how they will vote on the resolution when it comes before the full Senate next week for an expected Wednesday procedural vote. The legislation will be filed in a brisk pro forma Senate session Friday to prepare the resolution for full Senate consideration, aides said. A full Senate briefing is scheduled for Monday after the evening's round of votes, a chance for members back from recess to catch up to their colleagues." <http://politi.co/19mx3lo>

Meanwhile, in Russian politics —

PUTIN IN PRIME TIME? New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft said in 2005 following a visit to Russia that Vladimir took his ring without permission, a claim he later retracted. Kraft told CNBC's 'Squawk Box' this morning: "The [Russian] president has made a comment that he's making me a new ring. So we want to invite him to come here and give it to us on NBC during one of our national games here." <http://www.cnn.com/id/101008408>

PRO REPORT WONDERS: Can you *imagine* Putin giving back the ring in Philadelphia? Just think of how we Philly fans treated Santa Claus.

BIAS ALERT: Deadspin's Drew Magary writes a post dubbed "Why Your Team Sucks 2013: Washington Redskins." Re: RGIII, the NFL's Cory Booker: "Only the Redskins could draft such a brilliant young talent, let him get slaughtered on a rec softball league-quality playing surface, and then spend the entire offseason passively aggressively sniping with both him and his doctor. RGIII is the most exciting player in football, yet he is exceptionally fragile, unsurprisingly pigheaded, and is flanked by WTA-quality stage parents."

<http://deadsp.in/1cLhMfL>

OK back to work, here's today's top policy news:

SYRIA PUSHES AFGHANISTAN OFF RADAR: "Washington hasn't paid much attention to Afghanistan for a while, but with Syria now dominating the capital, its longest war seems to have slipped even further off the radar. The White House's full-court press on Syria has analysts wondering why the Obama administration hasn't rallied a similar effort when it comes to Afghanistan, where 60,000 U.S. troops are still fighting. ... Afghanistan has long been 'Obama's war,' and yet lawmakers said this week that they hadn't seen the White House exert as much energy as it has on Syria in years."

SEN. CHRIS MURPHY tells Pro's Kate Brannen: "I've never frankly seen a greater level of public engagement on an issue since the health care reform debate of 2009." <http://politico.pro/151SEjn> Speaking of Obamacare ...

OBAMA READIES OBAMACARE AD BLITZ: The Obama administration is readying a multimillion-dollar onslaught of ads in a dozen Republican-led states to encourage Americans to sign up for Obamacare insurance exchanges, media-tracking sources told POLITICO's Alexander Burns and Kyle Cheney.

"CMS has reserved at least \$12 million in airtime starting Sept. 30 in Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana and Michigan. All but one, Missouri, are led by Republican governors — including many who have been hostile to the health law — and even in Missouri, a Republican-dominated legislature has set an anti-Obamacare agenda." Full story:

<http://politico.pro/1dKnH7M>

TEA PARTY BLASTS MCCONNELL ON OBAMACARE: Maybe the White House could throw a bone to the GOP minority leader and air their ads in Kentucky? Doubt it. Pro's Paige Winfield Cunningham reports: "The Senate Conservatives Fund has launched \$340,000 in television ads slamming Minority Leader Mitch McConnell for not taking a hardline stance on defunding the health care law.

'Obamacare starts in October but Congress can stop its funding,' the [ad says](#). 'What's Mitch McConnell doing? Nothing. McConnell is the Senate Republican leader, but he refuses to lead on defunding Obamacare. What good is a leader like that?' The tea party-affiliated group, which was founded by former Sen. Jim DeMint, has been pressuring members of Congress not to vote for any spending bills this fall that include funding for the Affordable Care Act." <http://politico.pro/1dV2itL>

TAX REFORM BREAKS UP? Pro's Kelsey Snell: "The Senate Finance Committee is considering several options to move on tax reform this fall, including breaking up a package into several pieces instead of one comprehensive bill, according to Democratic committee aides.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) has pledged to mark up a tax reform bill by the end of the year and splitting the overhaul into several pieces could make the complex effort easier to swallow. But it also might frustrate Republicans who are pushing for one massive bill that would rewrite both corporate and individual tax laws.

The option to break up the bills emerged as aides worked over the recess to create a plan of action to make sure tax reform stays on the increasingly tight legislative calendar for this year. The congressional to-do list is already crowded, with a vote on the use of force in Syria, fiscal debates over raising the debt limit, a continuing resolution to fund the federal government and patching reimbursement rates for doctors who treat Medicare patients.” Full story: <http://politico.pro/17HLTl7>

HOUSING UPDATE via MJ Lee and Jon Prior: “Republicans uneasy with a plan approved earlier this year by the House Financial Services Committee to abolish Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could soon have another option to consider. Rep. John Carney (D-Del.) is working on a proposal that would be similar to a centrist approach introduced in the Senate by Sens. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.), and it has already attracted serious interest from some GOP lawmakers, according to sources, including Rep. Stephen Fincher of Tennessee. At least two other Republicans on the committee have considered teaming up with Carney, according to a source.” <http://politico.pro/18wWWxN>

QUIZ ANSWER: Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), often named a 2016-contender, canceled a trip to New Hampshire on Friday in order to attend Syria briefings on the Hill, via The Columbus Dispatch: <http://bit.ly/17S1XVk>

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Anti-war groups hope to block Hill Syria action [back](#)

By Leigh Munsil | 9/5/13 12:33 PM EDT

A coalition of progressive groups is calling on Congress to vote down the authorization for military intervention in Syria.

“The House is where we’re going to be able to stop this war,” said Becky Bond, the political director for CREDO Action, a social change organization that funds progressive nonprofits.

“The House is quite divided, the majority of the members have not made up their mind and there’s a growing number of members on both sides of the aisle that are going to vote no or are leaning no. The White House is putting an enormous amount of pressure on these members.”

So in response to the Obama administration push, CREDO and Moveon.Org have called for a “day of action” on Sept. 9 to call on members of Congress to vote no on Syrian intervention, and want to organize thousands of calls and emails to congressional offices asking lawmakers to oppose military action.

“This is where we can put the brakes on this rush to unilateral bombing,” Bond said. “Calls into Congress at the level that we’re seeing now make an incredible impression on lawmakers.”

Moveon.org members overwhelmingly oppose action in Syria, the group’s executive director, Anna Galland, said. And the American people are strongly opposed to military action as a whole, she added.

“There is nothing inevitable about this decision,” Galland said. “We can stop this intervention.”

Secretary of State John Kerry’s comments about leaving the door open to boots-on-the-ground intervention were concerning, she added. Galland was not reassured when Kerry tried to walk back the suggestion that the U.S. was open to that type of full military intervention.

Moveon.org’s membership has already made 10,000 calls to Congress, Galland said, and that will continue leading up to next week’s votes and Monday’s “day of action.”

On a conference call Thursday convened by WinWithoutWar, the groups called in experts to make the case against intervening militarily in the messy Syrian civil war.

“U.S. intervention in Syria is not in the national security interest of the United States,” said retired Army Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, former chief of staff to former Secretary of State Colin Powell. “It is, I will hasten to add, in its humanitarian interest, and of course the humanitarian interests of the West and others in the world who have such interests.”

However, those interests are rarely served by more killing through armed intervention, Wilkerson added.

“The only way to influence decisively the situation with Syria is to strike hard and long sufficiently to swing the balance of power there,” he said. “Then the question becomes, who’s Syria? Will Al Qaeda have a foothold?”

The U.S. may end up needing to invade like in Iraq and Afghanistan, Wilkinson said. “The question simply stated is just: What next?”

A small, surgical strike will likely be ignored by Bashar Assad, he said. Then the U.S. may have to bomb more seriously, eventually changing the balance of power and putting rebel forces led by extremists in charge and creating a haven for Al Qaeda. Then the next step could end up being full invasion.

“Are we ready to go that far? Because potentially we will open the gates for having to go that far,” he said.[back](#)

Syria press pushes Afghanistan off radar [back](#)

By Kate Brannen | 9/5/13 11:17 AM EDT

Washington hasn't paid much attention to Afghanistan for a while, but with Syria now dominating the capital, its longest war seems to have slipped even further off the radar.

The White House's full-court press on Syria has analysts wondering why the Obama administration hasn't rallied a similar effort when it comes to Afghanistan, where 60,000 U.S. troops are still fighting.

“There's a remarkable contrast between the energy with which the administration is now working the Congress on Syria and the notable lack of energy they've invested in building consensus for their Afghan policy. The latter matters more for U.S. interests — after all, we're waging an actual war in Afghanistan already,” said Stephen Biddle, an expert on U.S. military and foreign policy at George Washington University.

Afghanistan has long been “Obama's war,” and yet lawmakers said this week that they hadn't seen the White House exert as much energy as it has on Syria in years.

“I've never frankly seen a greater level of public engagement on an issue since the health care reform debate of 2009,” Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut said Tuesday at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on Syria.

In Biddle's mind, the White House hasn't spent nearly as much political capital in lining up congressional backing for its Afghan policy or strategy.

The only way the Afghan security forces will be able to hold back the Taliban after U.S. troops leave is if Congress keeps footing the multibillion-dollar annual bills to sustain them, Biddle argued in an [essay](#) in the latest issue of Foreign Affairs.

“The war will thus become a contest in stamina between Congress and the Taliban,” he writes.

And yet, the energy spent on Afghanistan pales in comparison to the recent effort being made to win support for Syria, Biddle told POLITICO. “Syria shows the scale of effort the White House is capable of, and may ultimately show the difference such efforts can make on national security policy. I wish they'd do the same for Afghanistan.”

But this lackadaisical approach toward Afghanistan can't be blamed on Syria taking up all of the Washington's bandwidth — the lack of attention predate this latest crisis, said Anthony Cordesman, a military analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. “But it does highlight that here we are, focused on Syria, when we are at war in Afghanistan and we haven't taken any critical decisions for over a year about what transition there means.”

It is still unknown how many U.S. troops will stay beyond 2014, what conditions are required if they are going to stay, and what type of military and economic aid the United States plans to provide in the near- and long-term, he said.

Politicians ducking Afghanistan isn't new. During last year's presidential race, it rarely came up in debates and it ranked toward the very bottom in terms of what voters were most concerned about. Outside the relevant

congressional committees, fewer and fewer lawmakers and their staffs are engaged on Afghanistan, Cordesman said.

Washington think tanks are also moving away from the topic and the U.S. Agency for International Development's effort is also shrinking, Cordesman said.

At the Pentagon, at least, it still remains a top priority. That will be true even if a bombing campaign in Syria begins, Cordesman said: "They can walk and chew gum."

On Wednesday, Afghanistan Deputy Commander Army Lt. Gen. Mark Milley briefed reporters at the Pentagon on the latest updates from the country.

"This is a very resilient enemy. I don't think the Taliban is going to fade away into the dust, but I don't think they have the capability to re seize political power over the next year," Milley said.

When asked whether he thought the Taliban could be biding their time until U.S. forces leave in 2014, Milley said, "That's in the realm of the possible, but I don't think so."

The Pentagon maintains that even with a defense strategy that emphasizes the Asia-Pacific region, it's still prioritizing resources for Afghanistan. To keep war funding exempt from sequestration, the military services, especially the Army, had to cut deeper in some areas in order to protect resources for Afghanistan.

Still, there are small signs that within the Pentagon attention is being pulled in other directions.

On Wednesday, in the Pentagon's daily news round-up — the Early Bird — there were 16 articles on Syria versus two on Afghanistan, one of which was about nuclear weapons in Pakistan.

But Afghanistan was not entirely absent from this week's Senate hearing on Syria. For some lawmakers, the decision to go to war in Afghanistan is shaping their thinking as they consider whether and what kind of U.S. force to use in Syria.

Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), who voted against the resolution to go to war in Iraq in 2002, said when he voted for the war in Afghanistan he thought it was the right thing to do and still does.

"But I didn't know at the time that I voted for that authorization for the use of military force that I was voting for the longest war in the history of the United States and an authority to several presidents to do things that no one ever could have envisioned at that moment in history."

With this in mind, Durbin said he wants the resolution on Syria to be as precise as possible, so that it doesn't leave open the possibility of years of war.

At the same hearing, several lawmakers sought assurances from the Obama administration that there were no plans for U.S. boots on the ground in Syria.

Meanwhile, American troops are still dying in Afghanistan.

On Tuesday, The Associated Press reported that at least 2,133 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan since the U.S.-led invasion of the country in 2001.

The last death identified by DoD was of Staff Sgt. Joshua Bowden, 28, who died Aug. 31 "of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire while on dismounted patrol." [back](#)

Obama administration plans \$12M ad buy to promote health law [back](#)

By Alexander Burns and Kyle Cheney | 9/5/13 2:37 PM EDT

The Obama administration is readying a multimillion-dollar onslaught of ads in a dozen Republican-led states to encourage Americans to sign up for Obamacare insurance exchanges, media-tracking sources told POLITICO.

CMS has reserved at least \$12 million in airtime starting Sept. 30 in Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Louisiana and Michigan.

All but one, Missouri, are led by Republican governors — including many who have been hostile to the health law — and even in Missouri, a Republican-dominated legislature has set an anti-Obamacare agenda.

The number of states and the total cost of the ad campaign are both expected to grow with the approach of the enrollment period that begins on Oct. 1. The administration awarded a \$41 million PR contract to the firm Weber Shandwick earlier this year to promote participation.

HHS spokeswoman Joanne Peters declined to comment on the current or intended scale of TV advertising around the law but acknowledged that an informational campaign was under way that includes “targeted ads.”

“Starting Oct. 1, millions of Americans will be able to access quality, affordable health coverage for the first time, and we will continue educating and informing the uninsured of this opportunity,” Peters said.

HHS has characterized the planned enrollment push as part of the department’s “normal outreach” around comparable government services, such as open enrollment in Medicare.

The targeted states align with the strategy of the Obama administration and allies like Enroll America, who have been focusing resources on states with high unemployment rates and in areas where local officials aren’t encouraging people to sign up.

Some Republicans have objected to the advertising as an attempt to shift public opinion on Obamacare. The conservative outside group YG Network, for instance, has run ads calling on the administration to “stop the sell” of the still-controversial law. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) this week [called](#) Obamacare advertising a “blatant misuse of federal dollars.”

In an email Thursday, YG Network spokesman Chris Bond reiterated the criticism: “It’s unfair to middle-class families for President [Barack] Obama to use millions of their hard-earned tax dollars to try and sell them a policy they continue to reject on its merits.”[back](#)

Tea party group’s ad hits McConnell over Obamacare [back](#)

By Paige Winfield Cunningham | 9/5/13 1:09 PM EDT

The Senate Conservatives Fund has launched \$340,000 in television ads slamming Minority Leader Mitch McConnell for not taking a hardline stance on defunding the health care law.

“Obamacare starts in October but Congress can stop its funding,” the [ad says](#). “What’s Mitch McConnell doing? Nothing. McConnell is the Senate Republican leader, but he refuses to lead on defunding Obamacare. What good is a leader like that?”

The tea party-affiliated group, which was founded by former Sen. Jim DeMint, has been pressuring members of Congress not to vote for any spending bills this fall that include funding for the Affordable Care Act.

McConnell hasn't signed a letter pushed by Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) that pledges to oppose any continuing resolution that funds the law. More than a dozen Republican senators have signed on.

"If there was ever a time when Kentucky needed Mitch McConnell to deliver, it is now," SCF Director Matt Hoskins said in a statement. "We hope he listens to the voters and finds the courage to lead."

The television ad will air from Sept. 6-17. The group spent \$47,000 last month attacking McConnell with radio ads. It hasn't endorsed McConnell's primary opponent, Matt Bevin, but has threatened to do so.

The group has also aired radio ads pressuring Sens. Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) to commit to a defunding effort.[back](#)

Senate Finance could split tax reform into smaller bills [back](#)

By Kelsey Snell | 9/5/13 1:47 PM EDT

The Senate Finance Committee is considering several options to move on tax reform this fall, including breaking up a package into several pieces instead of one comprehensive bill, according to Democratic committee aides.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) has pledged to mark up a tax reform bill by the end of the year and splitting the overhaul into several pieces could make the complex effort easier to swallow. But it also might frustrate Republicans who are pushing for one massive bill that would rewrite both corporate and individual tax laws.

The option to break up the bills emerged as aides worked over the recess to create a plan of action to make sure tax reform stays on the increasingly tight legislative calendar for this year. The congressional to-do list is already crowded, with a vote on the use of force in Syria, fiscal debates over raising the debt limit, a continuing resolution to fund the federal government and patching reimbursement rates for doctors who treat Medicare patients.

Aides said they are working to craft a number of different strategies but they declined to discuss specifics.

While the staff has not finalized plans for how to shape the legislation, a choice to separate individual tax reform from business reform would be a strategic shift for Baucus. He has previously pushed for comprehensive legislation.

But separating business tax reform from the more contentious individual tax code would allow Baucus to continue debate on corporate taxes, the international tax code and the treatment of some benefits for small businesses — where there's more agreement between the parties — without opening a battle over how much revenue should be raised through changes to the individual code.

Some Democrats in the Senate, including Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), insist that any tax reform must include close to \$1 trillion in new revenue.

Baucus has been adamant that pushing for that much revenue could be a poison pill for the whole tax reform effort. Republicans are vehemently against raising any new revenue through the tax code and talk of billions or more in new funds nearly shut down discussions when Reid raised the issue in July.

But there is general agreement that the business side of the equation is a different story. House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-Mich.), Baucus and President Barack Obama have all discussed using long-term revenue generated from the business side to reduce the tax rate paid by corporations. That broad agreement could go a long way to build the foundation of a bill that could get traction in both the House and the Senate.

None of this impacts how members of the House Ways and Means Committee might choose to proceed. Camp could still begin consideration of a comprehensive bill in the fall. Like Baucus, Camp has also pledged to move a reform bill through his committee before the end of the year.

Aides said they are keeping their options open at this point and to ensure tax reform has momentum to clear the hurdles they already anticipate. Discussions have included close consultations with the Joint Committee on Taxation, the Treasury Department and House Ways and Means Committee staff. [back](#)

Hensarling's next challenge: A centrist housing plan [back](#)

By MJ Lee and Jon Prior | 9/5/13 3:47 PM EDT

Republicans uneasy with a plan approved earlier this year by the House Financial Services Committee to abolish Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could soon have another option to consider.

Rep. John Carney (D-Del.) is working on a proposal that would be similar to a centrist approach introduced in the Senate by Sens. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) and Mark Warner (D-Va.), and it has already attracted serious interest from some GOP lawmakers, according to sources, including Rep. Stephen Fincher of Tennessee. At least two other Republicans on the committee have considered teaming up with Carney, according to a source.

Carney's effort could amount to another challenge for House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling as he works to establish his conservative housing policy vision as the Republican negotiating stance in the re-energized debate over what to do with taxpayer-owned mortgage finance giants Fannie and Freddie.

It's not that a centrist bill would attract support from dozens of GOP House members, but anything that pulls some Republicans away from Hensarling's bill weakens his hand as the Texas Republican tries to convince GOP leaders to put his bill up for a floor vote later this year.

Hensarling appears to be aware of the headache a centrist bill could create.

Earlier this year Fincher was prepared to co-sponsor Carney's bill but opted not to, for now, at Hensarling's request, according to sources. A Hensarling spokesman did not respond to requests for comment.

"I think that if [Democrats] attract a number of Republicans it shows the difficulty of Hensarling's strategy, which is get the most conservative bill through now knowing that he would have to negotiate later," said Brian Gardner, an analyst with Keefe, Bruyette and Woods. "I think that's a sound strategy, but I think it's proving to be more difficult than he probably thought early on."

A Carney aide confirmed that the congressman is working on legislation that would take a similar approach to Corker-Warner but declined to say with which lawmakers he is negotiating or provide more specifics about the proposal.

Hensarling's plan has already faced opposition from some members of his own party out of concerns that the approach would force the housing market to rely too heavily on private investors, which they worry could make home loans more expensive, in order to reduce taxpayer exposure. Reps. Gary Miller (R-Calif.) and Michael Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) voted against Hensarling's legislation in July when it was considered by the committee. Republican members of the New York delegation have expressed misgivings, although the ones that sit on the Financial Services Committee voted for Hensarling's bill.

Hensarling has said that House Majority Leader Eric Cantor is "anxious" to bring his bill to the floor. No timeline has been announced.

Carney's bill is one of a handful being drafted by committee Democrats.

Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), the top Democrat on the Financial Services panel, is currently drafting the Democrats' major counterpoint to Hensarling's bill and it will encompass the [housing finance reform principles](#) she laid out in a memo earlier this year.

The plan would stress the importance of preserving access to the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and maintaining a government guarantee in the housing market. The approach would also likely give small banks direct access to the financing for their home loans through the secondary market and ensure families in poor neighborhoods have affordable rental housing options, a Waters aide told POLITICO.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.), the ranking member of the Capital Markets Subcommittee, is also working on an alternative to Hensarling's plan. The congresswoman has been doing research and talking to various industry and consumers groups since the spring, and is now looking at the Corker-Warner proposal as a possible "framework" for her own bill, an aide said.

While Maloney would ideally like to team up with a Republican, she has not found a partner from across the political aisle, and the aide said the New York Democrat is in close consultation with Waters.

Meanwhile, freshman Rep. John Delaney (D-Md.) is mulling over what he is referring to as a "third" approach to reforming the housing market that differs from both the Hensarling and Corker-Warner proposals. It would allow private companies that insure mortgages to obtain what's known as "re-insurance" beyond a loan's initial 5 percent of losses that a government agency could cover as long as another well-capitalized private firm that specializes in this business agrees to take some of the risks as well. If the loans continue paying, the government would share in the profits, which could be used to finance affordable housing projects.

Delaney hopes to introduce a bill this fall.

Hensarling's plan would not replace Fannie and Freddie. It instead leaves financing of new home loans to private investors and a scaled-down version of the Federal Housing Administration that would mostly focus on first-time buyers but could expand in times of crisis.

The Corker-Warner bill is the only significant piece of housing finance legislation that has been introduced in the Senate, but Senate Banking Committee Chairman Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) and the panel's top Republican, Mike Crapo of Idaho, plan to begin work on a bill when Congress returns this month.

The Corker-Warner plan would set up a new agency in place of Fannie and Freddie that would package and sell home loans in the much the same way the two taxpayer-owned companies do now to support financing for the market. But the guarantee this new agency would provide would only kick in once a large amount of private losses have been exhausted.

The proposal has enjoyed early support among industry groups because it provides a U.S. guarantee for some home loans while shielding taxpayers from significant downturns in the market, though consumer groups are lobbying to allow lower-income homebuyers more access to financing.

Hensarling said over the August recess that he is open to making changes to his bill, but did not say what they could entail. Industry trade groups representing a wide range of stakeholders have reached out to Hensarling and other members of the Financial Services Committee this summer to express their concerns about key components of his proposal.

“There will be some sort of limited federal role in whatever ultimately comes out of this,” said Scott Norman, executive director of the Texas Association of Builders. The group’s members have been meeting with lawmakers in the Texas delegation including Hensarling and Republican Rep. Randy Neugebauer, a co-sponsor of the GOP bill, over the August recess.

“Having no federal backstop at all could be problematic for providing certainty to the mortgage lending environment and that is our overarching concern,” Norman said.[back](#)

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Again, here is the link for the webinar today—and I have attached a compilation of all the speaker slides, along with a few rest-stops along the way. Let me know if anything looks altered in your sections—I carefully imported your files and double checked that they remained true to themselves—but it can't hurt to be careful. Thank you again for your help and patience with everything, I can't wait for the call this afternoon and the webinar tomorrow!!

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Hi all:

The three attached briefs were filed today at the Supreme Court by EPA, environmental petitioners, and industry supporters in the proceeding to review the D.C. Circuit's Homer City decision. (A fourth brief, by state/city supporters, may be filed later today but I don't have it yet.) Below, I'm copying the message Sonja sent when she forwarded our brief:

Hot off the presses, here is the brief we filed today in the *EME Homer City* Supreme Court litigation. All of us in OGC think DOJ did a great job on this brief. It was, of course, a team effort and we greatly appreciate all the assistance so many of you have provided over the past weeks, months, well actually years of litigation. This is now a public document so it can be distributed freely. If you think others in your office would be interested in reading the brief, please pass it on. All press inquiries, however, should be directed to DOJ.

Merits briefs from the parties on the other side (the "bottom-side" of the v) are due October 31. Our reply brief will likely be due December 2, with oral argument likely to be held the second week in December (oral argument hasn't been officially scheduled so we don't have a firm date yet).

P.S. If you decide to print this, note that the brief ends on p.65. The remainder is an appendix.

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With the issuance of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum M-13-08, "Improving Financial Systems Through Shared Services", dated March 25, 2013, OMB, in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury), has taken the next step in the evolution of the Federal government's approach to the assessment, selection, implementation and ongoing O&M of the governments plethora of financial management systems. Specifically, this guidance, which reaffirms OMB's commitment to a "Shared-First" approach, designates Treasury's Office of Financial Innovation and Transformation (FIT) to "help set a new course for federal financial management...assisting OMB in ensuring consistency with a long-term financial systems strategy." To this end, FIT has begun to develop and unveil its plans to:

1. evaluate all new agency financial system modernization plans and investments to ensure alignment with the "Share-First" approach;
2. establish a framework and maintain requirements for agency migrations to a shared service model across the Federal Government; and
3. facilitate the implementation of government-wide operational capabilities to reduce overall costs and improve performance.

In addition, Treasury FIT has announced a timeline for new agencies to become future Federal Financial Management Shared Services Providers (SSPs). Agencies must express an interest in becoming a Federal Financial Management SSP in the October/November timeframe with applications submitted to Treasury by calendar year end. Treasury FIT will evaluate application in the January/March timeframe and propose recommendations to OMB sometime in March.

To help position agencies for the changes ahead, the Potomac Forum offers this workshop to arm participants with the knowledge that is needed to begin preparing their agencies in documenting their modernization strategies, developing business cases, and assessing their options with respect to migrating to or becoming a Financial Management SSP.

What You Will Learn:

At the end of this Potomac Forum Workshop, participants will:

Understand the Federal financial management shared services vision and current landscape

Know the major activities involved in migrating to or becoming an SSP

Learn from others about their lessons and experiences in this process

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- To gain an understanding of the requirements and create strategies to achieve a financial management shared services environment at your agency
- Understanding the OMB Goals and Requirements

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Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2013 5:56 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: Morning Energy, presented by POWERJobs: Obama picks up Nordic support for climate agenda items - Steyer launches ad buy against Cuccinelli

By Alex Guillén | 9/5/13 5:53 AM EDT

With help from Darius Dixon and Andrew Restuccia

OBAMA PICKS UP NORDIC SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE AGENDA ITEMS: While in Sweden yesterday, President Barack Obama got that nation and Denmark, Finland, Norway and Iceland on board with his plan to stop public financing for overseas coal-fired power plants (“except in rare circumstances”), part of the president’s climate change agenda announced earlier this year. In a joint statement, the leaders also pledged to work on getting other nations and development banks to do the same. The leaders also reiterated their goal of adopting a “comprehensive, fair, and inclusive climate agreement” in 2015 via the UN climate negotiations.

They also hope short-lived pollutants will be, well, short-lived: The leaders also pledged to increase efforts to reduce the so-called “short-lived” climate pollutants, like hydrofluorocarbons, black soot and methane. “Recognizing the rapid growth of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition over its first 18 months, we note the potential of the Coalition to catalyze significant global reductions of short-lived climate pollutants, which have major impacts on climate change and public health,” they said. “The U.S. and Nordic members of the Coalition agree to intensify our efforts and invite others to join to take full advantage of the Coalition’s potential.”

Meanwhile, in Oslo: Conservative Party lawmakers look poised to sweep into power in Norway next week, and it's getting votes partly through arguing that the nation should provide tax cuts to non-oil industries to help "end the oil sector's growing dominance," Bloomberg writes. More: “The growing dominance of oil and gas has raised concern the economy risks splitting in two. ... While Norway has used its oil wealth to avoid the recession that gripped Europe and even hit its Nordic neighbors, the country is now failing to keep pace with recoveries in other developed markets.” Bloomberg: <http://bloom.bg/14sgjWc>

HAPPY THURSDAY and welcome to Morning Energy, where somehow we’ve swung around from getting coffee and chicken noodle soup out of the same hospital vending machine to getting coffee and chicken noodle soup out of the same deluxe Keurigs: <http://lat.ms/17vif0d>. Send your energy news to aguillen@politico.com, and follow on Twitter [@alexnguillen](https://twitter.com/alexnguillen), [@Morning_Energy](https://twitter.com/Morning_Energy) and [@POLITICOPRO](https://twitter.com/POLITICOPRO).

STEYER LAUNCHES AD BUY AGAINST CUCCINELLI: Billionaire activist Tom Steyer’s super PAC will launch a \$500,000 ad buy this week aimed at undercutting Republican Ken Cuccinelli’s credibility with voters. The television ad, which will begin airing today, will run for 10 days in the Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke markets. Steyer, a former hedge fund manager, plans to spend heavily in the Virginia governor’s race in support of Democrat Terry McAuliffe and the ad buy marks one of his most aggressive moves yet in the state. Andrew Restuccia has more: <http://politico.pro/1aRKn4U>

AEA GOES AFTER BEGICH, HAGAN ON CARBON TAXES: The American Energy Alliance today is launching a new initiative spending three-quarters of a million dollars on radio and television ads hitting lawmakers like Sens. Mark Begich (D-Alaska) and Kay Hagan (D-N.C.) for votes relating to a carbon tax. TV ads aimed at Begich and radio ads for Hagan begin in major markets today at a cost of \$250,000; the balance

will be spent later, according to the group. Both senators are up for re-election next year in red states and are prime targets for a Republican takeover.

— Pros will recall National Republican Senatorial Committee last week began a robo-call campaign hitting Begich for his vote on a non-binding budget amendment calling for any potential carbon tax revenue to be used to pay down the deficit or reduce tax rates. Besides that vote, AEA cites Begich and Hagan's opposition to another budget amendment blocking a carbon tax legislation (that measure got 53 votes, short of the 60 required). Begich ad: <http://youtu.be/GiH-Qc8430k>. Hagan spot: <http://bit.ly/1fzVfll>

Speaking of ad campaigns: The League of Conservation Voters is promoting Sen. Susan Collins (R-Me.) for backing the Shaheen-Portman energy efficiency bill with TV ads running in the Portland market. “With Washington stuck in gridlock, we need leadership, and Susan Collins is taking action. She's working across party lines for real results for us,” the spot says. LCV's six-figure buy runs through the 12th. Collins's 71 percent rating in LCV's 2012 scorecard makes her the highest-scoring Republican. The ad: <http://youtu.be/sYom7gHjS-Y>

McCARTHY, MONIZ IN FOR HOUSE GOP'S CLIMATE CHANGE HEARING: Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy have confirmed they will testify at a Sept. 18 House Energy and Power subcommittee hearing on the Obama administration's climate change agenda. Energy and Power Subcommittee Chairman Ed Whitfield yesterday sent follow-up letters to the heads of 11 other agencies — including Interior, NOAA, NASA, Agriculture and Transportation — he initially invited Aug. 6 to again ask them, or a designee, to participate in the hearing.

WORLD BANK PANEL SIDES WITH CONOCO OVER VENEZUELA: The AP reports: “Venezuela failed to fairly compensate ConocoPhillips for its seizure of three crude oil projects in 2007, according to a ruling from a World Bank arbitration panel. The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes in Washington concluded in a ruling issued Tuesday that Venezuela "breached its obligation to negotiate in good faith." The panel has not yet determined what Venezuela owes ConocoPhillips.” More: <http://apne.ws/1dIEjgp>

CONNECTICUT LAWMAKERS TO REVIEW WIND TURBINE BAN: Via the Hartford Business Journal: “The Connecticut legislature is set to review regulations on wind turbines on Sept. 24, possibly lifting a two-year ban on wind turbine construction in the state. The Connecticut General Assembly in 2011 placed a moratorium on wind projects in the state, until the Connecticut Siting Council came up with regulations defining issues such as size and location. Because of the Siting Council's dispute with the legislature's Regulation Review Committee over the wording of those regulations, the moratorium has stretched for more than two years.”

A message from POWERJobs: New jobs on our radar this week: Manager, Government Relations at AFPM, Senior Manager, Outreach & Enrollment at National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors and Senior Legislative Counsel at Human Rights Campaign. Interested? Apply to these jobs and more at POWERJobs.com; finally, a career site made for YOU!

McCONNELL HEADLINES COAL RALLY IN KENTUCKY: Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell Rep. Ed Whitfield, both Kentucky Republicans, headline a "family coal rally" in Madisonville, Ky., this evening. The event is sponsored by Friends of Coal's Kentucky chapter, Murray Energy, Alliance Coal, Armstrong Coal and others. More details: <http://bit.ly/18t5y8t>

SOCAL IN THE LIBRARY: Southern California Edison has created a library of documents related to the steam generator that crippled its San Onofre nuclear plant last year, and eventually put the facility on a path to closure. The company opened a contract dispute with its steam generator designer, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, earlier this summer (<http://politico.pro/1a7LhYi>). The new library includes minutes from meetings between

Edison and Mitsubishi dating back to 2005, design specifications for the steam generators and documents Edison filed with the NRC. The library: <http://bit.ly/15vIJyR>

FIRSTENERGY LOOKS TO SELL HYDRO PLANTS: FirstEnergy has asked FERC for the go-ahead to sell off 11 hydropower plants to Harbor Hydro Holdings, a subsidiary of LS Power Equity Partners II, LP, according to a FirstEnergy SEC filing. The transaction was agreed to between the two companies late last month and if regulators sign off, the sale should complete in the fourth quarter. The plants are in Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia and collectively produce 527 megawatts. <http://bit.ly/15zpOZZ>

COURT SIDES WITH CHESAPEAKE IN CHALLENGE TO WASTE PITS ON PRIVATE LAND: A district court was right to side with a Chesapeake Energy subsidiary in a case brought by West Virginia landowners who complained about the company using their land for permanent disposal of drilling waste (technically a trespassing issue), the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled yesterday. Citing West Virginia common law, the court concluded that “creating drill waste pits was reasonably necessary for recovery of natural gas and did not impose a substantial burden on the Whitemans’ surface property,” adding that the practice is common for the area and complies with environmental regulations. The ruling: <http://1.usa.gov/1dQwhmy>

BE AN EDUCATION PRO — We're excited to announce that POLITICO Pro Education, the newest Pro policy area, will officially debut Wednesday, Sept. 18, with original reporting, breaking news and insight into education policy. Subscribers will also receive exclusive early-bird editions of Morning Education. Interested in access to Pro Education? Email info@politicopro.com or call (703) 341-4600.

QUICK HITS

— Safeway will pay a fine of \$600,000 over Clean Air Act violations and will work on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from refrigeration equipment in its stores. AP: <http://abcn.ws/14Zwb6r>

— The international geothermal market continues to grow, a Geothermal Energy Association report says. Domestic Fuel: <http://bit.ly/17zCuxY>

— The “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign is going solar. AP: <http://bit.ly/19kmJdw>

— Don’t give up on nuclear energy, the Washington Post editorial board implores: <http://wapo.st/1a7UKyG>

HAPPENING TODAY

11 a.m. — Fuels America holds a conference call briefing on renewable fuels issues.

11 a.m. — Officials from NOAA and the UK’s climate office release a new report on extreme weather and climate events in 2012.

4:30 p.m. — The Washington, D.C. Chapter Society for International Development hosts a session on environment and natural resource management issues. 1101 15th St. NW

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[Steyer launches ads targeting Cuccinelli](#)

Steyer launches ads targeting Cuccinelli [back](#)

By Andrew Restuccia | 9/4/13 5:39 PM EDT

Billionaire activist Tom Steyer's super PAC will launch a \$500,000 ad buy this week aimed at undercutting Republican Ken Cuccinelli's credibility with voters.

The [television ad](#), which will begin airing Thursday, will run for 10 days in the Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke markets. The ad is funded by the NextGen Climate Action Committee, a super PAC Steyer formed earlier this year as part of his effort to become a bigger player in Democratic politics.

Steyer, a former hedge fund manager, [plans to spend heavily](#) in the Virginia governor's race in support of Democrat Terry McAuliffe and the ad buy marks one of his most aggressive moves yet in the state.

The ad is the second paid media push by Steyer's group, but it is its first original television ad in the state. NextGen had previously paid to continue to air a McAuliffe campaign ad accusing Cuccinelli of a "witch hunt" against University of Virginia climate scientist Michael Mann.

The new ad takes aim at Cuccinelli for receiving gifts from the CEO of Star Scientific, the dietary supplement-maker that found itself in the spotlight for giving gifts to Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell.

And it also pounces on the [news](#) that Virginia's inspector general is investigating whether an assistant to Cuccinelli, the state's attorney general, advised two energy companies that are being sued by Virginia landowners over natural gas royalties. Cuccinelli's campaign received more than \$100,000 from Consol Energy, the parent company of one of the firms being sued. Cuccinelli is not under investigation and he has said that his office acted "[appropriately](#)."

"Gifts. Trips. Investigations. Ken Cuccinelli: Helping himself, not us," the ad says.

It's the first in a series of ads Steyer's group plans to run "highlighting important, basic questions Ken Cuccinelli clearly doesn't want to answer about the scandals surrounding his conduct in office — and what it says about him," Steyer adviser Mike Casey said in a memo to reporters.

Steyer, who spent heavily in the Massachusetts Senate race and has launched a campaign in opposition to the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline, is working to raise the profile of climate change and energy issues.

Republican Party of Virginia Communications Director Garren Shipley criticized Steyer in a statement.

"Virginia voters aren't easily fooled. They know that the man who is behind these false attacks: an environmental extremist California billionaire aiding Terry McAuliffe," Shipley said. "They also know that millions of dollars in ads come with a price: the expectation that Terry McAuliffe — who said, 'I never want

another coal plant built' — will carry out a destructive energy policy that will bankrupt the coal industry and make energy prices skyrocket for all Virginians.”

Shipleigh continued: “Terry McAuliffe should denounce these misleading ads immediately. But he won't, because Terry McAuliffe will say or do anything to win.”[back](#)

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From: PortfolioStat2.0: Driven by CPIC & Portfolio Mgmt <Training@cpic-portfoliostat.potomacforum.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 11:04 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: Speakers from PBGC, Commerce & EPA - Meeting the OMB CPIC & PortfolioStat 2.0 Requirements

CIO Keynote Announced - Adapt Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Integrating CPIC & Portfolio Management for PortfolioStat 2.0

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- How to prepare for PortfolioStat sessions and related OMB requirements? How to leverage what has already been learned from previous exercises such as ITILOB etc.
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- CFOs, Deputy CFOs and staff
- Acquisition Executives

- Anyone involved or who will be involved in the PortfolioStat process
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To: Roque_T_Sanchez@who.eop.gov
Cc: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: RE: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia
Attachments: Goffman waves for Sept 4.xlt

Hi Roque,

Attached are WAVES info for Joseph Goffman.

Thank you, Cynthia Browne

From: Sanchez, Roque [mailto:Roque_T_Sanchez@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 4:22 PM
To: Goffman, Joseph; Utech, Dan G.; Browne, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

I'm just about to add you and update the calendar invite now.

From: Goffman, Joseph [mailto:Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 4:16 PM
To: Utech, Dan G.; Browne, Cynthia
Cc: Sanchez, Roque
Subject: Re: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

Just checking in again ...

From: Utech, Dan G. <Dan_G_Utech@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 9:50:29 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph; Browne, Cynthia
Cc: Roque T Sanchez@who.eop.gov
Subject: RE: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

Yes. Roque is back from vacation and digging out from his inbox but we will be sure to get you waived in for the meeting tomorrow.

From: Goffman, Joseph [mailto:Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2013 9:41 AM
To: Browne, Cynthia
Cc: Sanchez, Roque; Utech, Dan G.
Subject: Re: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

This will be taken care of, right? Thanks.

From: Browne, Cynthia
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 11:10:17 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Cc: [Roque T Sanchez@who.eop.gov](mailto:Roque_T_Sanchez@who.eop.gov); Dan G. Utech
Subject: RE: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

Hi Roque,

Could you please add Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov to the Sept. 4 Interagency Methane Meeting.

Thank you,

Cynthia Browne
Immediate Office of Air and Radiation
ARN Room 5406
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Email: browne.cynthia@epa.gov
Office: 202-564-7404

From: Goffman, Joseph
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 10:58 AM
To: Browne, Cynthia
Cc: [Roque T Sanchez@who.eop.gov](mailto:Roque_T_Sanchez@who.eop.gov); Dan G. Utech
Subject: Re: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

Yes, I most definitely am. Please make sure I can. Thanks.

From: Browne, Cynthia
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 10:30:43 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: Hi Joe: Are you supposed to attend this on the 4th? I dont see you on the attendee list. Thanks, Cynthia

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From: Sanchez, Roque [mailto:Roque_T_Sanchez@who.eop.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 7:29 PM
To: Sanchez, Roque; Zichal, Heather R.; Utech, Dan G.; Duke, Rick; Minsk, Ron; Lawrence, Natasha; Ericsson, Sally C.; Zaidi, Ali; Wadia, Cyrus; Simon, Bob; Stock, Jim; 'doug.mckalip@osec.usda.gov'; Dunham, Sarah; 'Bonnie, Robert - OSEC'; 'Campbell, Todd - OSEC'; 'jonathan.pershing@hq.doe.gov'; 'Chris.Smith@hq.doe.gov'; Melanie.kenderdine@hq.doe.gov; 'Matthew.Kotchen@treasury.gov'; camille.mittelholtz@dot.gov; 'Michaels, David - OSHA'; 'hatch.mark@dol.gov'; Gunning, Paul; 'Klein, Elizabeth A' (Elizabeth_Klein@ios.doi.gov); 'Neil Kornze'
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Subject: Interagency Methane Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 04, 2013 10:30 AM-11:30 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: EEOB tbd

Interagency methane strategy meeting. Dan Utech will reach out next week with details on agenda.

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Cc: Goffman, Joseph;Culligan, Kevin;Wayland, Robertj
Subject: Meeting with CURC
Attachments: CAP at TCM Trondheim TCCS-7on 5 June2013 -pdf.zip; 0612_CCS_CoE paper_preliminary_V1 (2).pdf

Nathan, After the meeting last week, I was asked to supply some information on CCS on gas at Mongstad Norway where we have been operating for about a year. We are scheduled to have a major data release in mid-september which I will send along. In the interim attached is a preliminary data presentation on the activities. I have also included our cost study on the cost of CCS capture on coal and gas and also a comparison with other "non or low" carbon power sources. Please let me know if you need more information on these issues.

Regards,
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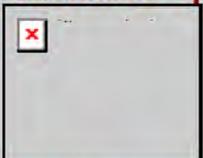
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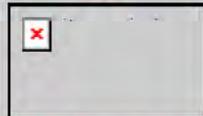
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Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Joseph Goffman
Subject: Fw: DRAFT White Paper
Attachments: EDF DRAFT White Paper -- Mitigating Leaks 8-29 CLEAN.pdf

From: Tsirigotis, Peter
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 12:19:15 PM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: Fw: DRAFT White Paper

[Fyi. We're having the meeting with edf now. We invited oap and ogc.](#)

From: Tomas Carbonell <tcarbonell@edf.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:33:02 AM
To: Tsirigotis, Peter; Moore, Bruce
Cc: Peter Zalzal; Vickie Patton
Subject: DRAFT White Paper

Dear Peter and Bruce,

Please find attached a ***draft*** version of our white paper on equipment leaks, which we look forward to discussing with you soon. We may be making some modest further changes to this document, so please do not circulate this version. Thank you,

Tomás

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From: Culligan, Kevin
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 1:21 PM
To: Tsirigotis, Peter; Goffman, Joseph
Subject: RE: Draft Revisions Look Good

Thanks Joe. We'll make sure you and Peter both get copies of what we send over. It will be a pretty big package including:

Preamble and reg text (with and without red-line) Roadmap to where we addressed interagency comments Transitional source TSD

-----Original Message-----

From: Tsirigotis, Peter
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 1:17 PM
To: Goffman, Joseph; Culligan, Kevin
Subject: Re: Draft Revisions Look Good

Thx joe. We have a call set up for tuesday afternoon for me to go over doe's comments with the team. I can check in with you after that.

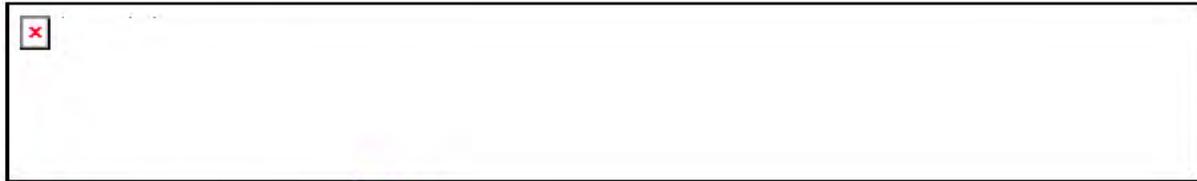
From: Goffman, Joseph
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 1:14:16 PM
To: Culligan, Kevin
Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter
Subject: Draft Revisions Look Good

Fine here to send them off. I read only the redline text, and plan (hope) to read the entire thing this weekend.

We should talk about the DOE discussion Peter and I had yesterday and also about whether or not [REDACTED]

Thanks.

From: Center for Climate and Energy Solutions <C2ES=C2ES.org@mail133.wdc02.mcdlv.net> on behalf of Center for Climate and Energy Solutions <C2ES@C2ES.org>
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 10:22 AM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Subject: August 2013 Newsletter: Resilience at Climate Week NYC; Power plant rules; Alternative fuel vehicles



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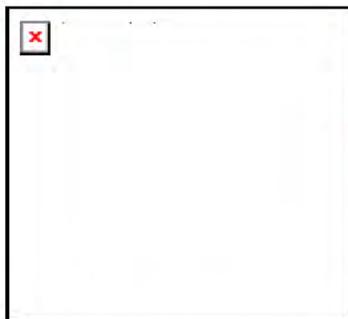
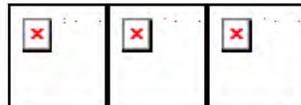
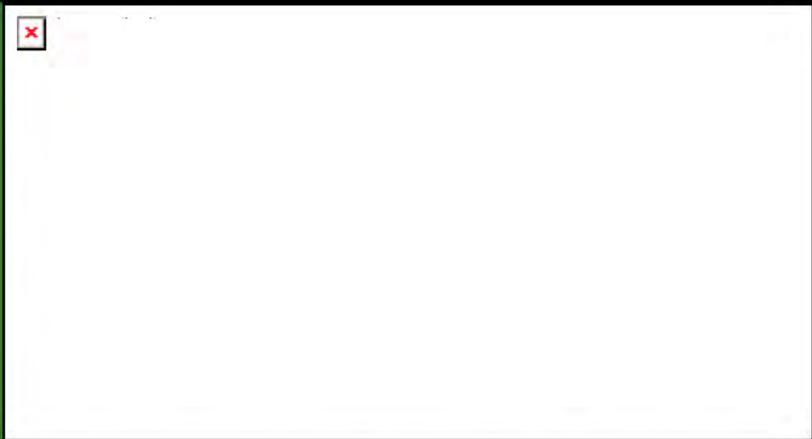
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Business resilience at Climate Week NYC

Nine out of 10 top global companies see extreme weather and other climate change impacts as current or near-term business risks. Senior executives from leading firms in the power, mining and insurance industries join C2ES on Sept. 23, the opening day of [Climate Week NYC](#), to discuss how firms are assessing and addressing their growing climate risks. Join us by [registering here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

The [EPA's Climate Leadership Awards](#) application deadline is Sept. 13. The awards, which C2ES co-sponsors, recognize exemplary corporate, organizational, and individual

EPA consults on power plant rules

The Environmental Protection Agency is starting public consultations on rules to limit carbon emissions from existing power plants. EPA has posted a [video](#) overview and plans conference calls with states, industry and community and environmental groups. Power plants account for 40 percent of U.S. carbon emissions, and the new rules are a cornerstone of President Obama's [Climate Action Agenda](#).

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Investing in alternative fuel vehicles

New private financing mechanisms are needed to encourage wide-scale adoption of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs), such as electric or natural gas-powered cars and trucks. C2ES is partnering with the National Association of State Energy Officials

leadership in response to climate change.

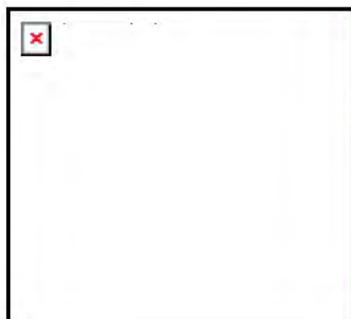
Eileen Claussen speaks to top investment professionals at the [Bloomberg Markets 50 Summit](#) Sept. 24 in New York about the threat climate impacts pose to global markets.

Joe Casola talks to [community planning officials in Arizona](#) on Sept. 25 about pragmatic strategies and policies for coping with hotter temperatures in the state.

Eileen Claussen leads a discussion Oct. 15 on business resilience to climate change at the [National Association of Corporate Directors annual conference](#).

Stephen Seidel will talk Oct. 15 at [Nextgov Prime](#) about how the federal government is using IT to reduce energy use and save money.

C2ES is supporting the [World Association for Decentralized Energy](#) conference in November in Boston, where Eileen Claussen will deliver a keynote address.



C2ES in the News

Make an Impact's [Geaux Green project](#) with Entergy encouraging Super Bowl fans to save energy is a finalist in the [Platinum PR Awards](#).

and transportation and finance experts in a new [two-year initiative](#) to develop innovative models for financing alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure.

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Policymakers and leading analysts will discuss global climate efforts, linking national carbon markets, and the state of clean energy at this year's [Carbon Forum North America](#). C2ES is again the program sponsor for the Oct. 1-2 event in Washington, D.C. See the full [agenda](#) and [register](#).

[More on Business](#)

States, cities plan for climate risks

A growing number of cities and states are taking steps to protect public goods such as water supplies, coastal infrastructure, and public health from the impacts of climate change. A [new C2ES interactive map](#) provides an overview of many of these groundbreaking adaptation efforts.

Encouraging efficiency in buildings

High up-front costs can be a barrier to improving the efficiency of buildings, which consume 41 percent of U.S. energy. A [new C2ES brief](#) explains how increasingly popular on-bill financing allows consumers to pay back investments in energy efficiency through their regular utility bills.

[More on Regions and States](#)

Webinar series: building business resilience

A free C2ES [webinar series](#) will delve deeper into [business resilience to climate change](#). Join us:

- [Sept. 11, 2 p.m.](#): Jeff Williams of Entergy on resilience planning in the electric power sector.
- [Sept. 25, 2 p.m.](#): Sara Kendall of Weyerhaeuser on building resilience to climate impacts on forestry and land use.
- [Oct. 30, 2 p.m.](#): Jay Bruns of The Hartford on extreme weather and the insurance industry.

Headwinds for coal

Three government-run institutions financing overseas development will sharply curtail their investments in coal-fired power plants. Doug Vine [explains](#) that while the actions by the [World Bank](#), [US Export-Import Bank](#), and [European Investment Bank](#) are significant, stronger support for [carbon capture and storage](#) is also essential because many coal plants will still be built.

Elliot Diringler tells [Politico Pro](#) that a Sept. 18 [House hearing](#) is an opportunity for the administration to lay out the case for climate action.

[More on International Policy](#)

Eileen Claussen tells [Climate Central](#) that carbon capture and storage is essential to reducing carbon emissions.

Estimating the social cost of carbon

The Obama administration's recent increase in the estimate of the "social cost of carbon" has drawn [opposition](#) in Congress. But Sarah Dougherty [says](#) the revision was overdue and provides a more realistic estimate of the costs of climate change impacts.

Climatewire talks with Nick Nigro about food trucks powered with [natural gas](#) and California's [Zero-Emission Vehicle](#) credits.

Communicating climate risk

Localized data can help drive home the impacts of complex global climate change. In a project for the Skoll Global Threats Fund, C2ES analyzed streamflow, precipitation and temperature records in two areas, Missouri and central California, to assess opportunities and challenges in [using local data to explain climate risks](#).

[More on Science and Impacts](#)

Make it a greener school year

As parents and students stock up for a new school year, Make an Impact [offers tips](#) on how to be more eco-friendly this fall. [E-tools](#), [recycled supplies](#), and [sustainable apparel](#) can all help green the back-to-school season.

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Subject: MIT study

FYI

News Headline: AIR POLLUTION: Vehicles are the leading cause of early deaths from emissions in the U.S. -- study |

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News Text: A new study found that emissions from cars, trucks and other vehicles are the No. 1 cause of early deaths due to air pollution in the United States.

In an upcoming paper in the journal Atmospheric Environment, researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology determined that increases in fine particulate matter, or PM 2.5, due to road transportation cause 53,000 early deaths per year from ailments like cardiovascular diseases and lung cancer. An increase in PM 2.5 due to power generation was the No. 2 cause of early death, at 52,000 per year.

Road transportation emissions also led to 5,000 early deaths in the United States by causing an increase in ozone concentrations, the study found.

"I thought that power stations might actually come out No. 1, just because they probably emit the most in terms of pollutants," said Steven Barrett, director of MIT's Laboratory for Aviation and the Environment and co-author of the study. "But the difference is that vehicle emissions, while they're cleaner, occur near where people live and so have more effects on human health."

Overall, the study found that combustion emissions -- from vehicles, power plants, industry, railroads, marine transportation, and commercial and residential sources -- account for about 200,000 premature deaths per year. Changes in ozone concentrations were found to be responsible for an additional 10,000 premature deaths per year.

Unsurprisingly, pollutants from road transportation and from residences and businesses had the greatest health impacts on U.S. metropolitan areas. Peak vehicle emissions were seen in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore.

Baltimore had the highest total mortality rate from combustion emissions, with 130 early deaths per 100,000 residents each year. New York City sees a total of 12,000 early deaths per year.

The researchers used data from the 2005 EPA National Emissions Inventory, the most recent available for the study. They modeled how emissions moved in the atmosphere, producing a series of maps showing where pollutants from different emissions sources concentrated across the United States.

They then compared their findings to U.S. health data to estimate how different populations are at risk of early death due to exposure to the different emissions sources.

Commercial and residential sources of combustion emissions accounted for 42,000 premature deaths, while industry accounted for 41,000.

California saw the most deaths of any state due to combustion emissions, at about 21,000 each year, with most of them attributed to road transportation and commercial or residential sources. However, marine transportation also made a mark on the Golden State, causing about 3,500 early deaths, mostly concentrated in the south of the state.

The maps generated by the models show that emissions from electric generation concentrate in the Midwest and the central-eastern portion of the United States. In Kentucky, power stations were found to cause 40 early deaths per year for every 100,000 state residents -- the most deaths due to electric generation in any state.

"Coal-fired power stations still do cause a significant impact, and there is opportunity there for mitigating that impact by using low-sulfur fuels," said Barrett.

Donaldsonville, La., had the highest number of deaths per year due to combustion emissions of all 5,695 cities analyzed.

"Here, the presence of nine oil refineries within a 70-km radius, for a total production of about 2.2 million barrels per day accounts for a mortality rate by industrial sources of about 81 early deaths per year per 100,000 people," the study states.

From: Larsen, Kate <Kate_M_Larsen@ceq.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 1:56 PM
To: Robert.Bonnie@osec.usda.gov;Hohenstein, William - OCE (WHOHENST@oce.usda.gov);Lewandrowski, Jan - OCE;Cleaves, David -FS (dcleaves@fs.fed.us);Patel-Weynand, Toral -FS;Elizabeth_Klein@ios.doi.gov;Joel Clement (joel_clement@ios.doi.gov);'Lynda Boody';Reed, Bradley (reed@usgs.gov);Beauvais, Joel;LeFranc, Maurice;Irving, Bill;Goffman, Joseph;Simon, Bob;'sryker@usgs.gov';Sarah Greenberger;Christine D Dragisic (dragisiccd@state.gov);Shira Yoffe (syoffe@fs.fed.us);'Kujawa, Greg -FS';'Farley, Christopher A -FS';Shuman, Catherine;Irwin, Janet;Cahill, Kathleen
Cc: Duke, Rick;Jensen, Jay;Vahlsing, Candace;Acheson, Ann;Susan_L_Ruffo@ceq.eop.gov;Laurier, Fabien;Pool, Jamie;Hunter-Pirtle, Ann
Subject: RE: Interagency meeting follow up - Enhancing Forest and Land Carbon

Just a reminder to send further input on the actions for further discussion by the end of this week. Once we receive these from you, we'll work on setting up a follow up meeting the following week or shortly after to discuss next steps.

Cheers,
Kate

From: Larsen, Kate
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Subject: Interagency meeting follow up - Enhancing Forest and Land Carbon

Thanks all for attending the meeting last week and engaging in very useful discussion. As promised, attached is the list of actions we provided at the meeting, now with additional detail from your original proposals as well as some framing questions to provide further information that will help identify a subset to potentially launch in the near-term, and others that may require more work and interagency discussion.

For those who proposed the actions on the list, and other agencies that have thoughts or information to contribute, please send back further detail on the questions in the attached no later than **August 30th**.

We will look for a date in early September to reconvene to continue discussion of the list with the aid of the additional information provided in the meantime.

Cheers,
Kate

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White House Council on Environmental Quality
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From: Ketcham-Colwill, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:49 AM
To: Koerber, Mike;South, Peter;Wood, Anna;Tsirigotis, Peter;Culligan, Kevin;Wegman, Lydia
Cc: Millett, John;Drinkard, Andrea;Goffman, Joseph;Huang, Cindy;Browne, Cynthia
Subject: Janet requests for meetings next week

At today's scheduling meeting, Janet asked for meetings next week on the following topics –

1.

[REDACTED]

Would you please schedule the meetings from your end, involving Cindy and Cynthia on our end? (Emily is out the rest of this week and next week.) Let me know if you have any questions/concerns. Thanks!

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 8:46 AM
To: Childers, Pat; Ketcham-Colwill, Nancy; Shaw, Betsy; Koerber, Mike; Flynn, Mike; DeMocker, Jim; Salgado, Omayra; Stewart, Lori
Cc: Beauvais, Joel; Goffman, Joseph; Huang, Cindy; Drinkard, Andrea; Atkinson, Emily
Subject: Re: Senior Policy Agenda 8-28-13

I'd love to do that if it can be fit in. What day and where?

From: Childers, Pat
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 8:36:43 AM
To: McCabe, Janet; Ketcham-Colwill, Nancy; Shaw, Betsy; Koerber, Mike; Craig, Jeneva; Stewart, Lori; Flynn, Mike; DeMocker, Jim; Salgado, Omayra
Cc: Beauvais, Joel; Goffman, Joseph
Subject: RE: Senior Policy Agenda 8-28-13

As a quick fyi - The Administrator was invited to the region 10 Tribal Leaders summit on Oct 7-11 and responded negatively on her participation. They are wanting me to ask you to attend (hint hint). It would be a great event for the Region 10 tribal projects that are included.

From: McCabe, Janet
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 7:51 PM
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Cc: Beauvais, Joel; Goffman, Joseph
Subject: FW: Senior Policy Agenda 8-28-13

Hey guys,

The Administrator is going to be announcing the next round of EJ grants at the upcoming NEJAC meeting (she's attending via video). At senior policy today, we were asked to provide any suggestions for events that she or the RAs could do after the announcement with any of the recipient communities, with particular attention to climate issues. Can you please take a look at the attached list, and see if anything suggests itself to you? This may be more of an RA assignment, but you or your staff may be aware of opportunities with some of these communities. We weren't given a deadline, but it should be pretty quick turnaround since September is almost here. How about by next Wednesday.

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Senior Policy Agenda 8-28-13

Good afternoon everyone,

Here is a listing of the Environmental Justice grants mentioned during this afternoon's Senior Policy meeting. As was discussed during the meeting, these grants will be announced by the Administrator at the September 11 NEJAC meeting.

For the Regional Administrators, in particular, please look at the list and flag the ones from your area. These present good opportunities to amplify our efforts on EJ and we would be interested in your ideas and thoughts regarding possible event opportunities. I anticipate the Administrator visiting one or more of these communities to see their good work and place some focus on the job creation aspect associated with these grants.

Please review the list and forward your ideas to Gwen, Tom and me.

Thanks.

From: Dickerson, Aaron

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Subject: Senior Policy Agenda 8-28-13

Hello everyone,

I apologize. Attached is the agenda for today's Senior Policy meeting.

Thanks.

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Subject: NSPS and Gas Turbines

Gentlemen, As you are all aware, the Gas Turbine Association presented data and discussion concerning the need to reflect future operations of gas turbines in setting a performance standard. With renewables gaining share and priority, gas turbines will be cycling and ramping up and down. This caused us to request that the EPS for NGCC be raised to 1100 lbs per MWhr. The study pasted below, developed by the /California electricity dispatchers is a significant and a strong reflection of the GTA position and the need for consideration . We trust you will find this material both appropriate to your consideration and pertinent in understanding our position.

Regards,
Robert Hilton
Chairman of the Board
The Gas Turbine Association

Energy grid 'duck chart' used to wade into timing issues

David R. Bake, San Francisco Chronicle

By David R. Baker

Updated 4:54 pm, Monday, August 26, 2013



The "duck chart" shows the amount of electricity on the state's grid on a typical March day, without renewable energy. By 2015, far more solar power will be generated during the day, but by late afternoon fossil fuel plants will have to ramp up quickly as the sun sets. The "duck chart" shows the amount of electricity on the state's...

The problem with renewable power is timing.

Solar power peaks in the early afternoon, when the sun is high overhead. Wind power peaks at night, at least in California.

Juggling these resources poses a challenge for the people who manage California's electricity grid. And it's only going to get trickier, as the state adds solar power plants and wind turbines at a rapid clip.

How tricky?

The grid managers at the California Independent System Operator have drawn up a chart to illustrate their balancing act over the course of a typical spring day in 2015 and 2020. Starting around 8 a.m., power plants burning natural gas will quickly need to cut their output to make room for all the solar generation flowing onto the grid. Then, around 4:30 p.m. they'll need to rev back up - with even greater speed - to fill a gap between the ebb of solar power and the start of the evening's strong winds.

Of course, the power plants could just keep running at their normal output. But then the state would have much, much more electricity on the grid than it actually needs.

Attention grabber

The chart, which looks a bit like a duck, has grabbed the attention of state officials, utility executives and renewable power advocates alike.

Known as the "duck chart," it has become an easy way to illustrate something energy experts have known for years: As California adds renewable energy, the state will need fossil-fuel power plants to supply electricity when the sun and the wind don't. And those plants must be able to cut or boost their output much faster than older plants can.

"The graph really helps crystallize it visually for a lot of people the way a 300-page report can't," said [Todd Strauss](#), senior director of energy policy, planning and analysis at Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Most of California's power plants weren't designed for quickly revving up or down; when they were built, they didn't need to be. But that flexibility will be essential as the amount of solar and wind power on California's grid increases. The state now gets about 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources and plans to reach 33 percent by the end of 2020.

Generation vs. use

"If nothing is done, we will be in crisis mode at some point in the future," Strauss said. "So the whole planning activity is to prepare, to avert that crisis, and to do it in a way that maintains reliability and keeps costs affordable."

The duck chart shows the amount of nonrenewable generation on the state's grid over the span of a normal March day. The top line represents 2013, while the other lines represent future years.

By 2015, the state will need far less electricity from fossil fuel plants in the middle of the day than it does now, almost 4 gigawatts less. (A gigawatt is roughly equal to the output from one nuclear reactor.) By 2020, it's almost 7 gigawatts less. All of that fossil fuel generation will be displaced by the electricity from solar power plants.

But electricity use doesn't peak in the middle of the day. In springtime, it typically peaks in the late afternoon, just as the sun sinks toward the horizon.

"As the solar is dropping off very rapidly, our demand is ramping up," said [Keith Casey](#), the system operator's vice president of market and infrastructure development. "People are coming home, turning on their lights, their appliances. That creates a very significant need for fast-ramping generation. That's the head of the duck, if you will."

As a result, gas-fired plants will need to rev up fast, adding 13 gigawatts to the grid in about four hours.

Options to meet need

State officials and utility executives have several options. They can look for ways to cut peak electricity demand and persuade people to use more energy at other times of day - essentially lowering the duck's head. Or they can build more modern gas-fired plants.

They've been doing both. In 2011, for example, the [California Energy Commission](#) approved construction of two Bay Area power plants - one in Oakley, the other 7 miles northwest of Tracy - that critics complained weren't needed. The commission, however, wanted both for their ability to ramp up and down quickly.

"Everybody's got their eye on this ball," Casey said. "We're trying to move forward."

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As you can see, Warren just sent this. Enjoy

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Ellen –

FYI. NRG filed this document in the PUCT Resource Adequacy docket yesterday.

Warren

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8/28/13 4:04 PM EDT

Members of the Clean Air Task Force met with Obama administration officials last Thursday to discuss the proposed emissions rule for new power plants, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

Bruce Hill, John Thompson and Ann Weeks of CATF met with officials from EPA, the White House Council on Environmental Quality and OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, according to records posted by OMB.

The group provided the officials with a [document](#) outlining carbon capture and storage research and development efforts as well as information on estimated CO2 storage capacity in the U.S.

— *Alex Guillén*

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Director - Emergency Response and Continuity Programs
Civilian Agency

I cannot express to you how pleased I am with the content of instruction and the caliber of the presenters. I have a renewed commitment to make my program visible and best in class. Thank you (Potomac Forum) for giving me the tools for COOP success.

Emergency Management Officer
OIG - Government Civilian Agency

Well Run - excellent information. Great Presenters. The depth of information and knowledge shown by presenters was exceptional Thank You! I will recommend this workshop to our leadership and will send other son my team to the next event.

Emergency Response Coordinator
Civilian Department

The workshop was very beneficial. If I had to develop a COOP plan, I would be able to know where to start and know what to do. Thank You! The instructors were very knowledgeable and if other courses are offered, I would love to attend.

Security Specialist
Department of Commerce Agency

The workshop was excellent. It helped me see the picture and also offered great insight on how to move forward, gain state-holder buy-in and leverage existing resources.

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Subject: RE: Bring people tomorrow -- 2:00 DOE-EPA Discussion of Methane Strategy under the CAP - at DOE

Principals want us to work together to set up internal working groups on all the tough issues.

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Btw, what are the specific topics? [REDACTED] Kevin Culligan will also join if we are to cover CCS.
Thanks.

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Thanks. Suzanne Waltzer and Peter Tsirigotis. Suzi (I think) will be joining me in person and Peter will be calling in.
Thanks.

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Sure, I have a bat phone, Renee can help with number.

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OK. Thanks. Would it be possible to bring in a couple of people by phone? Key staff are based in RTP. Thanks, again.

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I will have a couple as well. Let us know names and we will clear them. Thanks

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I want to share a draft for a blog we're expecting to run, most likely next week (though both the draft and the timing are subject to change). No new analysis, just calling out just how ambitious the 'go-getter' scenario from our *Can the U.S. Get There from Here?* is for the power sector. Happy to discuss. I'm sharing it with a few folks ahead of time, including Heather and Rohan. Let me know if there is anyone else you think I should share it with before we run it.

Thanks!

Kevin

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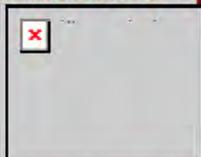
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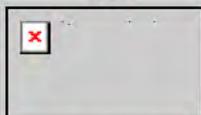
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Subject: Re: New source rule and OMB process

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From: Goffman, Joseph
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 7:47:16 PM
To: Culligan, Kevin
Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter
Subject: Re: New source rule and OMB process

Got it. Doubt I will have time to get to it before 6, but a printed version available at 6 would be ideal. Thanks.

From: Culligan, Kevin
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 4:17:28 PM
To: Goffman, Joseph
Cc: Tsirigotis, Peter
Subject: New source rule and OMB process

Joe,

We had a constructive dialogue with OMB today and have another scheduled with them on Wednesday. They would very much like us to get them a red-line version of the preamble Friday addressing the points they've raised. In order to do this, we were planning on getting you a version at a reasonable time on Thursday. We wanted to give you a heads up as early as possible to maximize the chance of fitting this into your schedule. Peter and/or I are happy to discuss further.

- Kevin

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Subject: Growth Energy's Buis: Congress should stay out of RFS

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Congress should drop its effort to strike a compromise deal to alter the EPA's renewable fuels standard, Growth Energy CEO Tom Buis said today, even though such a deal could head off a push to make more dramatic changes or even repeal the program.

"We don't think any legislative changes are necessary," Buis told reporters. "Who knows what kind of ideas they're going to come up with. But we think again EPA has all the flexibility to address all of these issues."

Growth Energy would oppose any RFS legislation, Buis said. House Energy and Commerce panelists are currently seeking to reach compromises with ethanol industry backers on revised blending requirements that could halt efforts of RFS critics for an outright repeal.

Giving Congress control of the mandate — which lawmakers themselves created in 2005 and updated in 2007 — "probably would make things worse, not better," Buis said. He said he wasn't worried about Congress passing anything this year because of a long legislative laundry list and short time remaining.

Still, Growth Energy today announced a new national TV, radio, print and online campaign against oil industry efforts to repeal the RFS. The [TV ads](#) will air on cable networks like FOX, CNN and MSNBC and some selective local markets Buis did not specify.

Buis said the ads announced today will run for several weeks and are the first in a series that will run in a multi-million dollar campaign. The campaign also involves a new website and grass-roots effort.

— *Darren Goode*

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Attachments: GCCQuestionsforEPA_final.docx; GCCQuestionsforEPA_final.pdf

Fyi

From: Goffman, Joseph
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Subject: Fw: Questions to support EPA's stakeholder engagement process

From: Vicki Arroyo <arroyo@law.georgetown.edu>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2013 3:43:28 PM
To: McCabe, Janet; Goffman, Joseph
Cc: Kathryn A. Zyla; Gabriel S Pacyniak
Subject: Questions to support EPA's stakeholder engagement process

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Please don't hesitate to contact me or my Deputy Director, Kate Zyla (cc'd here), if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you as you move forward in this important work.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

All best,
Vicki Arroyo
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Let me know if it would be helpful for me to distribute these materials to folks here. Vicki called to say they were not planning to distribute these to other stakeholders.

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Subject: Sept 5th Farewell Gathering

Friends and Colleagues - as you know, I have resigned from the DOE and will be heading back to the private sector after a short period of rest and relaxation.

Before leaving town, I would love to see you. To that end, on Thursday, September 5th, beginning around 5:30, I'll be in the upper bar at Clyde's in Gallery Place (707 7th St. NW). Hope to see you there.

In the meantime, my personal email address is Lauren.Lee.Azar@gmail.com. Don't be a stranger.

P.S. This invitation is transferable - please pass it along and bring a gaggle with you. (If I've forgotten anyone, please don't take it personally, simply an oversight.)

Lauren Azar

Senior Advisor to the Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy

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What a difference a non-election year can make. Early last August, as House Energy and Commerce Chairman Fred Upton (R) was fending off a primary challenge from the right, you probably wouldn't have found him touting his efforts at bipartisanship back home in his southwest Michigan district. But yesterday, Upton penned a piece for his local newspaper highlighting his work on a hydropower bill supported by congressional Democrats that streamlines the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's process for permitting all projects that use existing canals, pipelines or other water conduits.

TOP STORIES

2. **KEYSTONE XL**: DOE stayed silent on State's latest pipeline review
3. **PUBLIC LANDS**: USDA to withhold funding for habitat improvements to satisfy sequester
4. **DRINKING WATER**: Calif. proposes standard for 'Erin Brockovich' toxin

POLITICS

5. **KEYSTONE XL**: State IG to stretch probe of environmental review into 2014
6. **FOREST SERVICE**: Union boss urges Congress to restore wildfire budget
7. **COAL**: OMB reviewing rule aimed at protecting miners from black lung

CONGRESS

8. **HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**: Colo. fines driller near congressman's farm

NATURAL RESOURCES

9. **CLIMATE**: Meet the dung beetle, the cattle industry's emission control

10. **YELLOWSTONE**: Park Service finalizes market-based plan for snowmobiles
11. **NATIONAL PARKS**: Grand Teton rangers use Tasers twice in 48 hours
12. **HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**: Agency pushes back management plan for Va. forest
13. **EDUCATION**: UC Davis sets up new ocean institute, undergraduate major

LAW

14. **WATER POLLUTION**: Coal company will appeal 'permit shield' ruling on Va. discharges
15. **AIR POLLUTION**: Okla. to ask for rehearing of decision upholding EPA's rejection of state plan
16. **SALMON**: Judge rules in favor of Klamath water releases
17. **OIL AND GAS**: Chevron can subpoena emails in Ecuador case -- judge

ENERGY

18. **ELECTRICITY**: State-level solar action pits net metering against tariffs
19. **NUCLEAR POWER**: Worker found dead at Conn. reactor complex

BUSINESS

20. **ETHANOL**: FTC to probe antitrust allegations against oil companies
21. **TRANSPORTATION**: Designers race to draw up Hyperloop plans
22. **OIL AND GAS**: Canada pushes to export more crude from U.S. Gulf Coast
23. **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**: GE to make more energy-saving bulbs for Wal-Mart
24. **OIL AND GAS**: Petrobras spends billions on offshore technology research

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25. **DRINKING WATER**: EPA doesn't know if its security program works -- IG
26. **PEOPLE**: DOT press secretary resigns to join Obamacare nonprofit

AIR AND WATER

27. **AIR POLLUTION**: NASA launches program to track pollutants' effects on weather, climate

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28. **OIL AND GAS:** State, landfill officials don't fret over radioactive Marcellus waste at dumps
29. **SOLID WASTE:** Engineer works to recycle cigarette butts

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30. **BRAZIL:** Tons of fish die near Rio de Janeiro's Olympic park
31. **JAPAN:** Fukushima crisis shouldn't affect Tokyo's Olympic bid -- governor
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Subject: Afternoon Energy: LCV releases new climate skeptic ads - Smooth sailing for Obama - E&C confirms climate hearing

By Andrew Restuccia | 8/22/13 2:30 PM EDT

With help from Erica Martinson, Alex Guillén, Darren Goode and Bob King

LCV RELEASES NEW CLIMATE SKEPTIC ADS: As part of its \$2 million national television advertising campaign, the League of Conservation Voters announced a second round of ads targeting Reps. Rodney Davis (R-Ill.) [<http://bit.ly/1dwugeC>], Dan Benishek (R-Mich.) [<http://bit.ly/16Ra9oc>], and Mike Coffman (R-Colo.) [<http://bit.ly/16R9ZgL>] for their climate change skepticism. The group released a second ad going after Sen. Ron Johnson on Wednesday, knocking the Wisconsin Republican for calling LCV “an extreme left group on an environmental jihad.”

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SMOOTH SAILING FOR OBAMA: President Barack Obama’s first speech Thursday in New York on education did not appear to be interrupted by fracking hecklers. Activists on both sides of the issue are organizing protests to coincide with his speeches in New York and Pennsylvania this week. But there will be plenty more opportunities for heckling. The president will speak in Syracuse, N.Y., this evening and he’ll speak in Binghamton, N.Y., and Scranton, Pa., on Friday.

MEANWHILE: A coalition of fracking opponents, including actress Daryl Hannah, gathered in Washington this afternoon to call for a fracking ban on federal land. They said they delivered more than 600,000 public comments supporting such a ban to the White House and Interior’s Bureau of Land Management.

IPAA, WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE WEIGH IN: The Independent Petroleum Association of America and Western Energy Alliance submitted comments to Interior on its fracking rule. “This rule undercuts states’ authority to regulate energy production, a realm in which they have been successful for decades. The cost to the industry will be a colossal \$345 million a year. This bureaucratic burden will discourage independent producers from exploring for natural gas and oil on federal lands,” said IPAA President and CEO Barry Russell in a statement. Read the full comments: <http://bit.ly/1507stS>

E&C CONFIRMS CLIMATE HEARING: The House Energy and Commerce Committee confirmed Thursday that Republicans are hoping to hear testimony from 13 federal agencies at a Sept. 18 hearing on Obama’s climate agenda. A committee aide said earlier this morning that so far, Defense is the only agency to identify a witness, but the committee expects to hear from other agencies soon.

— **WAXMAN WEIGHS IN:** “We absolutely should hear from administration witnesses about the threat of climate change,” House Energy and Commerce ranking member Henry Waxman said in a statement. “We also should be hearing from the nation’s leading scientists. Ever since Republicans took over, the committee has been AWOL on the biggest energy issue facing the nation. It’s an embarrassing record that needs to change.”

WHICH COMPANIES ARE THE DIRTIEST? The Political Economy Research Institute at the University of Massachusetts Amherst has issued its yearly index of the top 100 U.S. corporate air polluters. The list: <http://bit.ly/12sPljt>

NEW RAN DIRECTOR: The Rainforest Action Network announced this week that Lindsey Allen has been named executive director. The group's former executive director, Rebecca Tarbotton, died in December. Read more about the announcement: <http://bit.ly/1f4Wzwh>

LOUISIANA REPUBLICANS ARE CONFUSED: Talking Points Memo reports on a poll that shows 29 percent of Louisiana Republicans say Obama was more responsible than former President George W. Bush for the lagging response to Hurricane Katrina. Of course, the storm hit the Gulf in 2005, when Obama was in the Senate. <http://bit.ly/1f2eQuF>

BLACK LUNG RULE TO W.H.: The Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration sent its final rule aimed at curbing black lung disease to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review Wednesday, according to OMB's website: [<http://1.usa.gov/1f4Yu4p>] The rule was first proposed in October 2010 (h/t Coal Tattoo:<http://bit.ly/175WXID>).

CARDIN TO HOLD NRC TOWN HALL: Sen. Ben Cardin will hold a town hall meeting on Monday with federal workers at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Rockville, Md. Cardin's office says the agency has had to absorb a \$52 million cut in the 2013 fiscal year budget because of sequestration. "Not every agency has faced furloughs, but deep cuts have taken their toll on programs and the uncertainty has shaken federal employees in every corner of the government. Sequestration is hurting real people and real families," Cardin said in a statement.

AK STEEL TO PAY PENALTY: AK Steel Corp., the EPA and the commonwealth of Kentucky have reached a settlement agreement requiring the company to pay a \$1.65 million civil penalty for alleged Clean Air Act violations at a now-closed coke plant.

QUICK HITS

— Bloomberg Businessweek on "why the U.S. power grid's days are numbered." The story: <http://bit.ly/15dogls>

— A new report says Enbridge's claims that it has improved its safety procedures have been exaggerated. Inside Climate News has the story: <http://bit.ly/16z75KK>

— The New Republic looks at Wisconsin and fracking: <http://on.tnr.com/174Zqou>

— The Wall Street Journal reports on Japan's struggle to "to contain its worst spill of contaminated water from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant since its meltdown more than two years ago." The story: <http://on.wsj.com/13IUab8>

— A "gap in U.S. law" has allowed China to import Iranian oil. The Journal: <http://on.wsj.com/1d7UuDw>

THE WIDE WORLD OF POLITICS

— A GOP-led government shutdown might be good politically for Democrats: <http://politi.co/17MtovN>

— Obama can't get ahead of the NSA story: <http://politi.co/175gB7q>

— Obama in a Thursday speech called for sweeping changes to the way that college students receive federal financial aid: <http://politi.co/13IV47u>

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Representatives from power giant Southern Company and environmental group Natural Resources Defense Council visited the White House Office of Management and Budget this week to discuss EPA's upcoming greenhouse gas regulations for new power plants, according to OMB's website.

Officials from OMB, EPA and the White House Council on Environmental Quality and Office of Science and Technology Policy joined in the meetings.

NRDC visited OMB on Tuesday, according to [OMB](#).

Southern Company representatives had a meeting yesterday, according to [OMB](#). Company officials passed along information on natural gas combustion turbines built in the last five years, and information on the progress of the [Southeast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership](#), an Energy Department-led program aimed at storing greenhouse gases to limit climate change, according to a [document](#) Southern Company provided to OMB.

This week's meetings follow similar visits to OMB in recent weeks from American Electric Power, DTE, Duke Energy, the Gas Turbine Association, Alstom Power, GE Energy, Siemens Energy and General Electric.

The [proposed rule](#) is due out by Sept. 20. EPA sent it to OMB for interagency review on June 28.

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AK Steel Corp., EPA and the commonwealth of Kentucky have reached a settlement agreement requiring the company to pay a \$1.65 million civil penalty for alleged Clean Air Act violations at a now-closed coke plant.

Kentucky will get \$25,000 of that sum, and the company will also spend at least \$2 million “on state projects to reduce particulate matter emissions” at its nearby Ashland West Works facility, where the company is currently operating, EPA said. The Ashland coke production facility that was the source of the violations closed on June 21, 2011, according to EPA. Coke is used to fuel and heat iron ore for steel.

The state regularly issued notices of violation to the company beginning on Jan. 31, 2005, and EPA issued its first notice of violation on July 23, 2007, according to the consent decree. The [complaint](#) filed by DOJ shows that inspections revealed subpar and broken pollution control equipment.

“This settlement holds AK Steel accountable for years of violations at its now-closed coke plant in Ashland,” said Robert G. Dreher, acting assistant attorney general in the Justice Department’s environmental division. “As a result of this agreement, state projects to reduce particulate matter emissions at the Ashland West Works facility will continue to improve air quality for area residents for many years to come,” Dreher said.

“This settlement promotes a healthier environment for our citizens and represents a just resolution of this matter,” said U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky Kerry B. Harvey.

The [consent decree](#) will be available for 30 days of public comment after it appears in the Federal Register before the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Kentucky can enter it as a final judgment.

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Director - Emergency Response and Continuity Programs
Civilian Agency

I cannot express to you how pleased I am with the content of instruction and the caliber of the presenters. I have a renewed commitment to make my program visible and best in class. Thank you (Potomac Forum) for giving me the tools for COOP success.

Emergency Management Officer
OIG - Government Civilian Agency

Well Run - excellent information. Great Presenters. The depth of information and knowledge shown by presenters was exceptional Thank You! I will recommend this workshop to our leadership and will send other son my team to the next event.

Emergency Response Coordinator
Civilian Department

The workshop was very beneficial. If I had to develop a COOP plan, I would be able to know where to start and know what to do. Thank You! The instructors were very knowledgeable and if other courses are offered, I would love to attend.

Security Specialist
Department of Commerce Agency

The workshop was excellent. It helped me see the picture and also offered great insight on how to move forward, gain state-holder buy-in and leverage existing resources.

Information Systems Security Officer
DHS Agency

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- How do we adjust the PFM process to facilitate the major commodity IT cost reductions that OMB is looking for?
- What role does an accurate baseline of current IT infrastructure investments play in this exercise and how does it relate to mission IT costs and prospective savings?
- If IT infrastructure costs appear to be overstated or unrealistic, what are some options to be considered? How can we get closer to seeing the real costs of infrastructure?
- How can acquisition processes and techniques be used to complement conventional CPIC processes, e.g. Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative and others?

- What are some of the ways in which risk can be managed and minimized, given that business continuity and mission success are overriding priorities of the federal government?
- How can Enterprise Architecture and IT planning techniques be used to expedite the achievement of business results from the CPIC process, i.e. by developing structured investment packages designed to deliver benefits and to sidestep major risks?
- What role does asset management play in supporting the CPIC process? How can asset management be focused to meet the needs of cost savings etc.?
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We have no materials this morning but this is on and it sounds like it will be interesting.

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4. **PUBLIC LANDS:** Monument designation for N.M.'s Organ Mountains would boost local economy -- report
5. **ENDANGERED SPECIES:** Mexican wolf dies during collaring mission
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Officials from American Electric Power, DTE, Duke Energy, and representatives for a group called "Generations for Clean Air" represented by law firm Van Ness Feldman and lobby-shop Forbes Tate met with OMB, EPA and White House Council on Environmental Quality staff on Aug. 13.

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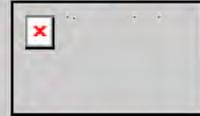
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- New "Capstone" NARA policy guidance draft for managing key personnel Emails);
- Upcoming deadlines for interim deliverables
- and more...

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- To gain a clear understanding of OMB M12-18
- To assist you in getting the best start on the many changes OMB M12-18 will bring to your agency
- To learn key funding strategies to help your agency implement solutions to meet its objectives
- Hear from other government officials about the practical aspects of complying with the Directive

- Ensure success of your Records Management Program as you implement the Directive
- Specific Actions to be taken by December 31, 2013 and beyond
- Lessons Learned in the first 9 months since the publication of the Directive
- What is New including RM Automation, "Capstone" Policy for eMails, Upcoming Deadlines

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Thank you for contacting me. Beginning on Monday, August 19, I am on annual leave. I will return to the office on Wednesday, August 28. Access to email will be extremely limited during this time, but I will reply as soon as I can and no later than shortly after my return. Thanks, again.

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With Andrea Drusch and Anna Palmer

WHO WILL LOBBY FOR BITCOIN? The popular virtual tender Bitcoin is on the rise and so is government interest in its uses. In the past weeks, leaders from two Senate committees and the GAO have all waded into the Bitcoin discussion, largely over concerns of tax compliance and possible criminal use. The currency's somewhat mysterious origins leave no clear answer as to who will advocate for it in D.C., but one expert says a new industry group will take the lead.

Adam Levine, editor-in-chief of **Let's Talk Bitcoin!**, told PI initial indications were that an association of Bitcoin businesses called the **Bitcoin Foundation** would undertake the company's lobbying effort. However, controversy within the foundation over whether lobbying was necessary led it to step back from the idea of hiring advocacy help. In its place, new industry group **Digital Asset Transfer Authority** will lobby on behalf of crypto currency as a whole, pushing toward "a more nuanced understanding in the legislature."

"The primary interest group that has a lot to gain but a lot at risk is the existing banking system," Levine said. "The concern within the Bitcoin community is that Bitcoin is seen as a threat by the existing financial system." For now, Levine said, Bitcoin lobbying efforts would therefore be focused on promoting a better understanding of online currency. If you need a primer on what Bitcoin is, click here: <http://politi.co/1619t9w>

NSA: WE HAVE NO LLLs: We reported in July that the lobbying disclosure called OMB form LLL — a form that shows lobbying activity by government contractors — is basically impossible for the public to get through normal channels. Accordingly, we sent Freedom of Information Act requests to the **Justice Department, Defense Department, National Security Agency, FBI** and **CIA** for the forms for major tech and telecom companies in the wake of contractor **Edward Snowden's** disclosures to the **Guardian** and **The Washington Post**. On Friday, **POLITICO** received a FOIA response saying that no LLL records could be found at the NSA or partner agency the **Central Security Service**. The rest of those agencies are taking their sweet time with our FOIA. Which raises the question: Are most contractors even filling out these forms? The requirements of the **Byrd Amendment** — the law that requires these forms — are confusing and a bit redundant. See our original story on the LLL here: <http://politi.co/14uaxDg>

GOOD MONDAY AFTERNOON, where August recess couldn't get any sleepier. Please, for the love of God, send us an email, let us buy you a drink or link us with a silly cat video. Send your lobbying news, gossip, tips, scoops and historical tidbits to bttau@politico.com. Keep up with PI on Twitter by following [@ByronTau](https://twitter.com/ByronTau) or [@PoliticoPI](https://twitter.com/PoliticoPI).

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CASTRO VISITS IOWA FOR HARKIN: San Antonio Mayor **Julián Castro** is headed to Iowa on behalf of Sen. **Tom Harkin** (D-Iowa). Harkin's **TomPAC** is hosting a Sept. 14 fundraiser in Des Moines, where Castro is featured as the special guest. The event asks for a contribution of \$5,000 to go toward the PAC.

THE TRUTH-IS-OUT-THERE LOBBY: PI was tickled by the news that the **CIA** had finally acknowledged Area 51 — an aircraft test site and the fabled location where the U.S. government allegedly recovered a crashed alien spacecraft and alien bodies. It piqued our curiosity: Who is lobbying on UFO issues? The answer is **Stephen Bassett**, who has been registered since 2009 both as a client and for the **Extra Campaign**, **Exopolitics.com** and **Exopolitics Institute**. His most recent lobbying disclosure lists the following issues: “Open hearings to take testimony of government and agency witnesses regarding UFO/ET-related events and evidence; gaining access to developed technologies obtained from extraterrestrial (crashed) vehicles in the government's possession; formal acknowledgement by the U.S. government of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race; failure to properly brief the executive branch on UFO/ET-related issues known to military services and intelligence agencies.”

DOWNTOWNER'S FAMILY CAR AUCTIONED FOR RECORD PRICE: **Purple Strategies' Lanier Swann Hodgson** was on hand this weekend in California for the auctioning of her grandfather's rare cherry red 1967 Ferrari. The haul: \$27.5 million, all going to charity. Click here for more on the car and story: <http://www.cnn.com/id/100971194>

ABEL JOINS STEPTOE: **Jason Abel** tweets that he'll be joining **Step toe & Johnson** as counsel in the government affairs and public policy group and a leader of the campaign finance and political law practice. He's previously worked at **Allen & Overy**. Before that, Abel was chief counsel to the **Senate Committee on Rules and Administration** and as counsel in Sen. **Chuck Schumer's** (D-N.Y.) office.

EGYPT STILL FACES FOREIGN AID FIGHT, WITHOUT LOBBYISTS: The **White House** faces growing opposition in both parties to its decision to keep giving military assistance to Egypt amid the violence there. "I do think we can send a strong signal by suspending aid," Sen. **Jack Reed** (D-R.I.) said yesterday on NBC's "Meet the Press." Meanwhile, Sen. **Kelly Ayotte** (R-N.H.) said she doesn't "see how we can give them aid in light of what has happened." Meanwhile, the country has nobody in the United States to press its case to lawmakers. The country has been without any lobbying footprint in the United States since lobbyists **Bob Livingston**, **Toby Moffett** and **Tony Podesta** all terminated their relationship with the country in early 2012. Sources told PI that the now-deposed Morsi government was shopping around for a firm but nothing materialized.

ELSEWHERE IN THE INFLUENCE WORD:

CRACKDOWN: You should probably not illegally lobby because the Feds have been noticing. <http://bit.ly/16WwTiU>

CASH COMMITTEE: **The New York Times** is upset about influence-peddling on the finance services committee. <http://nyti.ms/1cU8MZi>

LOCAL BLINK: Potential D.C. mayoral candidate raising funds on Nantucket. <http://bit.ly/160AdHc>

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