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MEMORANDUM

TO: WESTCAS Membership
 FROM: Hicks-Ray Associates
 SUBJECT: EPA Appointments

HRA typically doesn't simply forward E&E or other publication articles; however, the recent information on EPA appointments relates directly to our discussions in San Diego. It is intriguing that President Trump has filled the empty desks at the various agencies by appointing Deputy Administrators, which don't need Senate confirmation. That way he's got policy people in place and isn't held hostage by the Senate.

From E&E: Update on EPA Appointments

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U.S. EPA boss Scott Pruitt has hired a fleet of political staff, even though he remains the only Senate-confirmed official at the agency. Pruitt's chief of staff, Ryan Jackson, announced dozens of new political aides in an internal [email](#) last week. They include Pruitt's former aides from his time as Oklahoma's attorney general, former congressional staffers and ex-lobbyists.

"I believe it is important to provide you with a listing and the responsibilities of the new team that has joined EPA to fill positions in the Office of the Administrator and program offices," Jackson wrote in the June 27 email obtained by E&E News. Meanwhile, he said, assistant administrator and regional administrator appointees "will join as we move forward."

President Trump has yet to nominate candidates to fill EPA's upper ranks, and jobs like deputy administrator and leaders for the air and water offices remain open. Meanwhile, the Trump administration is charging ahead with its agenda to unravel the Obama EPA's signature policies.

Here's a look at who's helping to run Trump's EPA:

Office of the Administrator

- Henry Darwin, assistant deputy administrator and chief of operations
- Byron Brown, deputy chief of staff for policy
- Kevin Chmielewski, deputy chief of staff for operations
- Alex Dominguez, policy analyst
- Nicholas Falvo, special assistant
- Hayley Ford, deputy White House liaison
- Sarah Greenwalt, senior adviser for water and cross-cutting initiatives
- Mandy Gunasekara, senior adviser for air and radiation
- Michelle Hale, executive assistant to the administrator
- Millan Hupp, director of scheduling and advance

- Albert "Kell" Kelly, senior adviser to the administrator
- Forrest McMurray, special assistant for scheduling and advance
- Madeline Morris, executive scheduler
- Charles Munoz, White House liaison
- Ken Wagner, senior adviser for regional and state affairs

Office of Policy

- Samantha Dravis, senior policy counsel to the administrator and associate administrator for policy
- Brittany Bolen, senior deputy associate administrator for policy
- Daisy Letendre, senior adviser for policy and strategic communication
- Will Lovell, policy assistant (NOTE: former LA for Senator Cornyn)

- **George Sugiyama, senior adviser for the Office of Policy**

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

- **Troy Lyons, associate administrator**
- **Layne Bangerter, senior adviser**
- **Tate Bennett, deputy associate administrator for intergovernmental relations**
 - **Preston Cory, special assistant to the deputy associate administrator for intergovernmental relations**
 - **Christian Palich, deputy associate administrator for congressional relations**
 - **Aaron Ringel, deputy associate administrator for congressional relations**
 - **Christian Rodrick, special assistant to the deputy associate administrator for congressional relations**
 - **Kaitlyn Shimmin, special assistant**

Office of Public Affairs

- **Liz Bowman, acting associate administrator for public affairs**
- **Lincoln Ferguson, senior adviser**
- **Amy Graham, deputy associate administrator for public engagement**
- **James Hewitt, special adviser for public affairs**
- **John Konkus, deputy associate administrator for public affairs**
- **Jahan Wilcox, strategic communications adviser**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

- **Holly Greaves, senior adviser to the administrator for budgets and audits**
- **Kristopher Green, special assistant**

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

- **Patrick Traylor, deputy assistant administrator**

Office of General Counsel

- **Erik Baptist, senior deputy general counsel**
- **David Fotouhi, deputy general counsel**
- **Justin Schwab, deputy general counsel**

Office of Water

- **Lee Forsgren, deputy assistant administrator**

Office of Land and Emergency Management

- **Patrick Davis, deputy assistant administrator**
- **Veronica Darwin, senior adviser**

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

- **Nancy Beck, deputy assistant administrator**

Office of Research and Development

- **Richard Yamada, deputy assistant administrator**