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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Update on the EPA Budget Process
FROM: Donna J. Vizian, Acting Assistant Administrator
TO: All OARM Employees

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Colleagues,

By now, I am sure you have heard or read reports of proposed budget cuts to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other parts of the federal government. While I cannot comment on their authenticity, I can state that we are in the first part of a long engagement between the executive and congressional branches of the federal government to establish our appropriation level for FY 2018.

The agency has received FY2018 budget guidance from OMB. At present this is a highly confidential process, the details of which cannot be shared. However please be assured we will do everything in our power to protect our ability to support the mission of the agency in protecting human health and the environment.

The next major step will occur on March 16, 2017, when the OMB is scheduled to release a "Budget Blueprint" that will outline the total dollars and FTEs for the EPA that the President will submit to the Congress for consideration. This will be followed in early May 2017 by a more detailed budget that is more characteristic of traditional budget submissions. Between March 16th and early May 2017, a lot of effort will be spent defining the budget at a fairly fine level of detail. The Congress will then deliberate on the submission and ultimately approve an appropriation level for the agency (either through a regular appropriation, or in what has been more recently the case, a continuing resolution).

I have been assured that Administrator Pruitt will be working hard on our behalf to effectively represent us in the budget deliberations. That does not mean that changes will not happen, but it does mean that he wants to take a pragmatic approach to our appropriation.

In addition, many of you have asked about what will happen when our current FY 2017 continuing resolution funding runs out at the end of April 2017. The congressional appropriations staffs are working on this, but we have not seen any recent numbers from their process.

As I get more information that I can share, I will keep you updated. Please be mindful that we are in the early stages of the FY 2018 budget process and more negotiations and discussions must be addressed

before we know our budget. In the meantime, let us stay focused on all the great work that we do in the Office of Administration and Resources Management.

Thank you for all your hard work. We have a great team!

Best,

Donna