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Guys,

I called the number several times and it would not let me into the call. There is some kind of problem with it.

Anyway: --

1. Pruitt's Chief of Staff has indicated to security staff that the 24/7 temporary two week PSD coverage is permanent. This is very costly and will take money from the environmental enforcement budget which is where the PSD is paid from. When the public finds out there will be a negative hit from the press.

2. We will issue a FR notice tomorrow saying we are going to re-write the EPA rule on water and solicit comments for 30 days. This is based on the EO being signed today (right now actually) at the WH by POTUS.

3. We have been telling members of Congress that the RFS won't be changed. Senator Deb Fisher's office particularly and as recently as yesterday. Now, in the paper this morning Reuters is reporting that a source at the WH has said POTUS will change the point of obligation from refineries to retailers. This destroys my credibility. Can you please find out what the intent is as it relates to the point of obligation?

In closing,

I want it noted that not involving or even informing the Senior White House Advisors in Presidential actions relating to the agencies in which we work is insulting and hurts morale unnecessarily. This is especially true when the BH team has been so involved in writing the draft EO and in managing the agency for the last 5 weeks.