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Delivered via Electronic Mail

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**Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. 2020-OSEC-03716-F
Fourth Interim Response**

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is the **fourth interim response** to the above-referenced FOIA request received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Information Affairs (OIA), FOIA Division. The request sought:

All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between any of the USDA officials listed below and anyone in the Executive Office of the President (including anyone with an email address ending in eop.gov).

Agency Officials

- a. Sonny Perdue, Secretary of Agriculture, including anyone communicating on his behalf, such as executive assistants, personal assistants, or schedulers
- b. Stephen Censky, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture
- c. Anyone serving in the role of Chief of Staff for the Secretary, including Joby Young
- d. Rebeckah Adcock, Senior Adviser
- e. Miller, Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service
- f. Shiela Corley, Chief of Staff to the Administrator
- g. Brandon Lipps, Deputy Under Secretary, Food and Nutrition Service, and anyone acting on his behalf such as a chief or deputy chief of staff, scheduler, assistant, or advisor;

Please provide all responsive records from January 30, 2020, through the date of the search.

On April 28, 2020, you modified your request by narrowing the listed custodians to “Secretary Perdue, anyone serving in the role of Chief of Staff to the Secretary, including Joby Young, and Senior Advisor Rebeckah Adcock.”

On May 27, 2020, you clarified that you would like to include all agencies within the Executive Office of the President in your request.

On November 30, 2020, this office issued a first interim response in this matter. On March 19, 2021, this office issued a second interim response in this matter. On November 23, 2021, this office issued a third interim response in this matter.

Your request is being processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

A search for responsive records was conducted by the Client Experience Center's (CEC) eComply team. The CEC provides comprehensive, fee-for-service information technology (IT) associated operations, security, and technical support services to USDA end users. The CEC also implements and manages enterprise IT solutions for users Department-wide. The CEC searched the email accounts associated with the custodians mentioned in your modified request. The CEC search located records responsive to your FOIA request. For this fourth interim, the FOIA Division reviewed a total of forty-three (43) pages of emails and the accompanying attachments.

The FOIA Division continues to process your request and will issue a final response.

Following a review of the responsive records, the FOIA Division has determined that certain information contained therein should be withheld pursuant to U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) and (6) (FOIA Exemptions 5 and 6). Additionally, twenty-three (23) pages of records have been withheld in their entirety under FOIA Exemption 5. Below is an explanation of the information that has been withheld.

FOIA Exemption 5 - Deliberative

FOIA Exemption 5 protects from disclosure those "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency." One of the frequently invoked FOIA Exemption 5 privileges is the deliberative process privilege. To fall within FOIA's deliberative process privilege, the records must be both pre-decisional and deliberative; the records must precede the adoption of an agency policy and include the opinions, recommendations, or deliberations on a legal or policy matter.

In this instance, the FOIA Division is withholding, under the deliberative process privilege, pre-decisional intra-agency discussions and briefings on agency actions and programs on issues relating to proposed responses to the COVID-19 pandemic. These items are pre-decisional in that they are antecedent to any final agency decision. These items are also deliberative in that they reflect the evolving, back-and-forth process between agency employees that is so integral to the Executive Branch decision-making process; more specifically, the development of potential recommendations made by agency advisors for use in making policy decisions.

If these pre-decisional, deliberative communications were released to the public, USDA and other Executive Branch employees would be much more cautious in their discussions with each other, and in candidly discussing and providing all pertinent information and viewpoints in a timely manner to agency decision-makers. This lack of candor would also seriously impair the Department's ability to engage in forthright, internal discussions necessary for efficient and proper agency decision-making.

FOIA Exemption 6

Exemption 6 generally is referred to as the “personal privacy” exemption. It provides that the disclosure requirements of FOIA do not apply to “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” Application of the exemption involves balancing the public’s interest in disclosure against individuals’ privacy interests.

The information withheld under Exemption 6 consists of email addresses belonging to employees of the Executive Office of the President. This information qualifies as “similar files” because it is information in which individuals have a privacy interest. Moreover, releasing the information could subject the individuals to unwarranted or unsolicited communications, or even harassment. Because there is a viable privacy interest that would be threatened by disclosure, Exemption 6 authorizes this office to withhold the information. Accordingly, we have determined that the public interest in the information’s release does not outweigh the overriding privacy interests in keeping it confidential.

You have the right to appeal the OIA’s determinations. Due to the need to issue more than one determination in order to fully resolve your request, your appeal rights for all determinations in response to this request will be provided to you in our final response letter.

You may seek dispute resolution services from the OIA’s FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Melanie Enciso. Ms. Enciso may be contacted by telephone at (202) 720-9462, or electronically at Melanie.Enciso@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

You also have the option to seek assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please visit <https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program/request-assistance> for information about how to request OGIS assistance in relation to a FOIA request.

If you have any questions regarding the processing of this request, please contact Susan Ruppel electronically at Susan.Ruppel@usda.gov or USDAFOIA@usda.gov.

For additional information regarding USDA FOIA regulations and processes, please refer to the information available online at [Freedom of Information Act Division | USDA](#).

The OIA appreciates your patience as we continue processing the remainder of your FOIA request.

Sincerely,

Alexis R. Graves

Alexis R. Graves
Director
Office of Information Affairs

Enclosure: Responsive Records (20 pages)

From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC](#); [CLS1, SLC1 - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Varsamis, Alec - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Weeks, Audra - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [\(b\) \(6\)](#); [DuRant, Ryann - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Crosswhite, Caleb - APHIS; Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: RE: FDA postpones routine domestic inspections over coronavirus concerns
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:17:00 PM

Suspect SP would have interest in this too if you haven't sent already

From: Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC <michawn.rich@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC <Rebeckah.Adcock@usda.gov>; CLS1, SLC1 - OSEC, Washington, DC <SLC1@usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <meghan.rodgers@usda.gov>; Varsamis, Alec - OC, Washington, DC <alec.varsamis@usda.gov>; Weeks, Audra - OSEC, Washington, DC <Audra.Weeks@usda.gov>; Tkacz, Kailee - OSEC, Washington, DC <kailee.tkacz@usda.gov>; [\(b\) \(6\)](#); DuRant, Ryann - OC, Washington, DC <Ryann.DuRant@usda.gov>; Crosswhite, Caleb - APHIS <Caleb.Crosswhite@usda.gov>; Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov>
Subject: FW: FDA postpones routine domestic inspections over coronavirus concerns

Kristi Boswell

From: POLITICO Pro Health Care
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:50:22 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC
Subject: FDA postpones routine domestic inspections over coronavirus concerns

FDA postpones routine domestic inspections over coronavirus concerns

By David Lim

03/18/2020 04:48 PM EDT

FDA is cutting back on domestic inspections of all regulated products including drugs, devices, tobacco and food to protect inspectors from the coronavirus, Commissioner Stephen Hahn announced today.

For-cause inspections deemed to be mission critical will continue, including response to natural disasters, outbreaks and other emergencies that impact regulated products. The domestic violation rate stood at approximately 5 percent of regulated firms last fiscal year, according to FDA.

"We have temporarily postponed all domestic routine surveillance facility inspections," Hahn said. "These are facility inspections the FDA traditionally conducts every few years based on a risk analysis."

The decision echoes the agency's move last week to suspend [suspend foreign inspections](#).

The FDA plans to review records instead of visiting firms in person to help maintain oversight and is "evaluating additional ways to conduct our inspectional work."

“Safety and quality need to be owned by the industry, and firms have the primary responsibility to reliably produce quality products,” Hahn said.

To view online:

<https://subscriber.politicopro.com/health-care/whiteboard/2020/03/fda-postpones-routine-domestic-inspections-over-coronavirus-concerns-3978089>

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From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB](#)
Subject: COVID 19
Date: Friday, February 28, 2020 11:23:00 AM

Satya –

USDA is supporting federal interagency COVID-19 efforts in many spaces, one of which includes reporting of ag econ and ag trade impacts up through the DHS managed info collection process.

It is our understanding that this data is funneled to the EOP, namely NSC, for incorporation back out to interagency system for briefings and tracking. Despite sending along econ & trade data of significance – especially given our Boss' focus on ag impacts in China – the information seems to have yet to be reflected in any of the interagency materials. Our homeland security team has noted it to their NSC colleagues and DHS, to no avail. Any guidance on how maneuver this one within EOP?

Side note - Lots more planning and prep happening here due to the rumblings we are getting re food safety and security.

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Cc: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Lindsay, Sally - OSEC Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Documents for 2:15 pm
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:16:02 PM
Attachments: [CFAP Tik Tock Roll Out Draft 4-17-20 138pm.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (2 pages)
[USDA Announces Coronavirus Food Assistance Program.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (2 pages)
[CFAP O&A 154pm.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (5 pages)
[CFAP Talking Points Final 154pm.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (2 pages)
[image001.png](#)

Hi all,

Sorry for all the notifications but the calendar is being crazy today. Please see the docs for the 2:15 skype call.

Thanks,
 Ashley



Ashley Smith

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 Office of the Secretary

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From: [SP3.PS3 - OSEC, Washington, DC](#) Former Secretary Perdue
To: stm77@treasury.gov
Cc: (b) (6) Robert Lighthizer
Subject: Ted McKinney <Ted.McKinney@usda.gov>Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC
 <joby.young@usda.gov>Hafemeister, Jason - OSEC, Washington, DC <Jason.Hafemeister1@usda.gov>Blake
 Rollins <blake.rollins@usda.gov>
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 7:33:00 AM
Attachments: [China Purchases Priority - Final Version 2 - 15April2020.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)
[China Purchases Priority Final Version 1 - 14April2020.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)

Secretary Mnuchin,

It was good talking with you last evening. As a citizen, I appreciate all that you are doing, and as a colleague, I appreciate your interest in how exports can help alleviate some of the farm economy crisis.

As I mentioned on our call, the rural and agriculture communities are looking for additional clarity on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). Here are the top three issues:

b(5) DPP

I understand Bimal Patel on your staff has been working with Kyle Liske of my staff. We greatly appreciate the coordination and the hard work of your staff to stand up this program in a very short amount of time.

b(5) DPP

Thank you,

Sonny Perdue

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Andrew J. Olmem](#); [Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: [Liske, Kyle - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Fwd: PPP FAQs for Treasury
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:47:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[USDA PPP FAQs.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)
[USDA PPP FAQs second 4.13.2020.docx](#)

Hoping to get your assistance in resolving these issues. Particularly so that this can be squared away thoroughly if/when more funds are available for PPP.

Thanks-

Joby

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

From: Liske, Kyle - OSEC, Washington, DC <Kyle.Liske@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:49:15 PM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Subject: PPP FAQs for Treasury

Joby,
 Below are the top issues we're still looking to get resolved at Treasury on PPP. I've also attached two documents—the first is the FAQs that are currently up on our website. The second attachment is the draft FAQs that I've sent to Treasury for more clarity. The second attachment includes the issues that still need to be resolved and are summarized below:

b(5) DPP

Thanks,



Kyle M. Liske

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On March 27th, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This package appropriated \$349 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The PPP is a guaranteed loan program administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The purpose of the program is to support small businesses and help support their payroll during the coronavirus situation.

Q: Are agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers eligible for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)?

A: Agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers with 500 or fewer employees whose principal place of residence is in the United States are eligible.

Farms are eligible if: (i) the farm has 500 or less employees, **OR** (ii) it fits within the revenue-based sized standard, which is on average annual receipts of \$1M.

Additionally, farms can qualify for PPP if it meets SBA's "alternative size standard." The "alternative size standard" is currently: (1) a maximum net worth of the business not more than \$15 million, **AND** (2) the average net income Federal income taxes of the business for the two full fiscal years before the date of the application be not more than \$5 million.

Q: Are agricultural and other forms of cooperatives eligible for PPP?

A: As long as other eligibility requirements are met, small agricultural cooperatives may receive PPP loans. Other forms of cooperatives may be eligible provided they comply with all other Loan Program Requirements (as defined in 13 CFR 120.10).

Q: Do H-2A or H-2B workers on my payroll count towards my eligibility and total possible loan amount?

A: Only employees with a principal place of residence in the U.S. count toward eligibility and calculation of the PPP loan amount.

Q: How do sole proprietor farmers provide accurate documentation regarding payroll, when they may not take a traditional salary?

A: SBA requires sole proprietors, independent contractors, and other eligible self-employed individuals to provide documentation to its lender that the business was in operation as of February 15, 2020. This documentation may include payroll processor records, payroll tax filings, or Form 1099-MISC, or income and expenses from a sole

proprietorship. For borrowers that do not have any such documentation, the borrower must provide other supporting documentation to its lender, such as bank records, sufficient to demonstrate the qualifying payroll amount.

Documentation options for payroll tax filings include the following:

IRS Form 941 (quarterly wages); IRS Form 944 (calendar year wages); State income, payroll and unemployment insurance filings; QuickBooks; bank repository accounts; and/or internally generated profit and loss statements. However:

- Nonprofit organizations must include IRS Form 990;
- Sole proprietors must include IRS Form 1040 Schedule C;
- Any entity that filed IRS Form 1099-MISC must include this form;
- Seasonal employers must document the period beginning February 15, 2019 through June 30, 2019

More extensive FAQs can be found at the Treasury Department's [CARES Act website](#) (PDF, 50 KB).

From: [Adcock, Rebeckah - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Thallam, Satya P. EOP/OMB](#)
Subject: Heads up
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:20:44 PM

Satya:

USDA will be sending over the Rule for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program next week (maybe end of this week). Team here has been in discussions on budget side with Ruth's team, but wanted to be sure OIRA has awareness it's on the way too.

Reb

Rebeckah.Adcock@USDA.gov

From: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Hickey, Jonathan P. EOP/OVP](#)
Cc: [Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Letter-Testing for Food Plant/Critical Infrastructure Workers
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:55:04 AM
Attachments: [Priority Testing Commuincation to State.County.Local Health Officials FINAL 03.30.20.pdf](#)

Jon, flagging the attached letter from several trade associations on the importance of testing for critical infrastructure workers.

Thanks,
Blake

March 30, 2020

To: State, County & City Health Officials

The food, beverage, personal care and household product manufactures and related warehouse, distribution and retail partners are working hard to maintain a reasonable supply of trusted products for all consumers who want and need them during the COVID-19 national emergency. Demand for indispensable, life sustaining products, has increased exponentially as governments act to limit human-to-human exposure and make recommendations about maintaining an adequate supply of those products. The consumer products value chain is working tirelessly to keep shelves fully stocked but faces unprecedented challenges daily that are pushing resources to the limits.

The industries listed below represent sectors that are part of our nation's critical infrastructure as recognized by Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's (DHS-CISA) [Guidance for Tier 1 Type of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers](#). Priority access to COVID-19 testing is a critical first defense to assure that essential workers are healthy and continue to work. Accordingly, it is imperative that essential workers in the critical infrastructure sector have access to priority COVID-19 testing. If essential workers that are asymptomatic for COVID-19, but are carrying the virus, are not tested - particularly in communities with active transmissions - they may infect other employees and potentially jeopardizing consumer packaged goods (CPG) production. Industry has developed guidance for companies to continue operation in the event an employee tests positive. Having the ability to determine asymptomatic individuals through testing will help mitigate a major reduction in available workforce that may cause the need to downscale or shut down operations altogether.

The CPG and retail industry support continued priority testing of healthcare providers and first responders. As testing capabilities expand, we respectfully request that you prioritize CPG manufacturing and retail employees as you administer testing. This critical function during this crisis helps assure the products consumers want and need are available to them when they go to the store.

Sincerely,

American Bakers Association
 American Beverage Association
 American Cleaning Institute
 American Frozen Food Institute
 Consumer Brands Association
 Corn Refiners Association
 Food Marketing Institute
 Global Cold Chain Alliance
 Household & Commercial Products Association
 International Dairy Foods Association
 International Food Service Distributors Association
 National Automatic Merchandising Association
 National Beer Wholesalers Association
 National Confectioners Association
 National Grocers Association
 North American Millers Association
 Peanut and Tree Nut Processors Association
 United Fresh Produce Association

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: Grant.A.Cooper@hud.gov
Cc: [Kristan K. Nevins](#) (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: CARES Act action plan
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:25:25 PM
Attachments: [USDA CARES Act Implementation 4.3.20.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (3 pages)

Grant-

A day late but here's our submission. Please let me know if this is what you are looking for.

-Joby

Joby Young
Chief of Staff
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Radford, Julie T. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: Local producers/farmers
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:11:00 PM

Hi-

See below a few resources that should cover the U.S. for small farms that sell locally through direct to consumer or farmers markets. Two are USDA public resources. These may not cover all farms (i.e. may not include small enterprises that market to restaurants, etc.). One additional resource I would suggest for that is the state agriculture commissioner. Many states have their own directories and state programs for smaller producers.

Please let me know your thoughts and additional questions. Standing by to assist further.

-Joby

AMS's Marketing Services Division contains local food directories with this information. Two relevant directories include the on-farm stand directory:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/local-food-directories/onfarm>

And community supported agriculture directory:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/local-food-directories/csas>

These are voluntary directories, so they are not comprehensive, although AMS strives to maintain their accuracy. These two are a direct marketing link to farmers.

Another commonly used resources is LocalHarvest:

<https://www.localharvest.org/csa/>

Again, this links to farms that offer community supported agriculture (CSA) opportunities.

This resource is a directory for DC/VA/MD/PA region.

<https://www.futureharvestcasa.org/resources/find-farmer-or-market-map>



Joby Young

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 United States Department of Agriculture

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO](#); [Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC](#)
Subject: Fwd: EO one-pager
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:43:28 AM
Attachments: [SP Talking Points on Executive Order.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (1 page)

Draft talking points for 10am

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
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From: Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <meghan.rodgers@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:41:12 AM
To: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>; Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC <blake.rollins@usda.gov>; Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>; Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC <dudley.hoskins@usda.gov>
Cc: Ghee, Hailey - OSEC, Washington, DC <hailey.ghee@usda.gov>; Crowe, Taylor - OSEC, Washington, DC <Taylor.Crowe@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: EO one-pager

And here are talking points for the call for SP

From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC <Shawna.Newsome@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC <blake.rollins@usda.gov>; Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC <meghan.rodgers@usda.gov>; Hoskins, Dudley - OSEC, Washington, DC <dudley.hoskins@usda.gov>
Subject: RE: EO one-pager

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From: Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:36 AM
To: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>; Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC <blake.rollins@usda.gov>; Beal, Mary Dee - OSEC, Washington, DC <MaryDee.Beal@usda.gov>; Shuford, Campbell - OSEC, Washington, DC <campbell.shuford@usda.gov>; Rodgers, Meghan - OC,

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Subject: EO one-pager

Here you go

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To: [Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO](#); [Chaffee, Christopher L. EOP/WHO](#)
Cc: [Troye, Olivia EOP/NSC](#); [Obenshain, Tucker T. EOP/OVP](#); [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Brady, Lillie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Willits, Ashley - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Subject: Governor call
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:13:53 AM

SP is yes for a meat packing call with governors. Our team can work with [REDACTED] to arrange.

Joby Young
Chief of Staff
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

From: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [Denzel McGuire](#) (b) (6)
Subject: Fwd: RE-opening Document
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 1:42:37 PM
Attachments: [COVIDINDUSTRYGUIDANCE_edits.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (2 pages)

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

From: Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC <joby.young@usda.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:12:36 PM
To: Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO <(b) (6)>
Subject: Fwd: RE-opening Document

Tate:

Members of our leadership at USDA would like to submit for consideration the attached language which might provide more uniform clarity for plants and local authorities to use in decisions around plant reopenings, etc. There are some stage notes, etc., included.

I know you are in contact with Denzel, Olivia, others about this issue. Would like to get yours and others' feedback on such an approach.

-Joby

Joby Young
 Chief of Staff
 U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

From: [Rollins, Blake - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
To: [\(b\) \(6\)](#); [Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO](#) Douglas L. Hoelscher
Cc: [Young, Joby - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Brady, Lillie - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Newsome, Shawna - OSEC, Washington, DC](#); [Bennett, Elizabeth T. EOP/WHO](#)
Subject: WH IGA_USDA_CDC Call Agenda & Draft Remarks
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:10:06 AM
Attachments: [WH IGA_USDA_CDC Call Agenda & Draft Remarks.docx](#) (b)(5)-Deliberative (3 pages)

Doug & Nic,

See attached:

- Agenda
- Draft Remarks for WH IGA/USDA?CDC

Will y'all moderate call or should USDA?

CDC's comments may change some, but this doc includes what they sent us yesterday.

Thanks,
Blake