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To: Distefano, Nichole
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From: "Deltoral, Miguel" [REDACTED]
Date: March 16, 2016 at 7:47:21 PM CDT
To: "Kaplan, Robert" [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Discussion this morning

Hi Bob,

I was never required by anyone to take ethics training because of Flint or for any other reason other than the mandatory ethics training required to be taken annually by all EPA employees. There is probably some confusion from the emails between Ann Coyle and myself where I was seeking advice from Ann, but that was something I requested.

On the meetings with congressional folks...the first I heard about my 'meeting' with Chaffetz was via an email from Nicole Cantello who forwarded an article to me which stated that I had met with him. As I told Nicole, the only time I saw him was at the open house in Flint last Saturday. I was at the corrosion control booth and he stopped by, shook my hand, we exchanged greetings, and he moved on. Same thing with Congressman Walberg. Hi and bye.

I did have breakfast at the hotel restaurant with Marc Edwards and there was a Congressman and staffer with him (can't remember their names offhand right now) so we all had breakfast. Don't know where they went after breakfast, but Marc and I went to the open house.

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Miguel A. Del Toral

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On Mar 16, 2016, at 1:26 PM, Kaplan, Robert [REDACTED] wrote:

Miguel,

Thanks for calling this morning. I relayed the info about not being required to seek ethical advice and the fact that you had no contact with the members of Congress this weekend (except a handshake at the open house). The Administrator can correct the record tomorrow if we have something in writing. If not, that's fine. As always, your call. Call me if unclear.

I am also setting up a team to work on 1) R5's implementation of the LCR, with a focus on enforcement and 2) changes we can suggest in light of our experience in Flint. As soon as you feel comfortable (and without aggravating anything – don't rush), I'd like to start pulling together materials for both efforts.

- Bob

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