

From: MacLean, Alex
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 10:54 AM
To: Mears, David
CC: Markowitz, Deb; Johnson, Justin; Recchia, Chris
Subject: Re: Governor's DEC-related priorities

David,

Sounds great! How does next Monday sound?

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On Mar 27, 2011, at 1:59 PM, "Mears, David" <David.Mears@state.vt.us> wrote:

Alex: Learning last week that the Governor is going to Springfield to highlight brownfields was exciting for me as I think that is an important priority and an area where his leadership can make a real difference. I would enjoy the chance to visit with you and Deb to brainstorm about how to build a specific agenda and messages around addressing pollution and promoting economic development for Governor Shumlin. I spoke briefly with Deb about this and she encouraged me to drop you this note.

Part of my interest in talking with you is that, at the moment, I feel like we (Governor and DEC) are on parallel but separate tracks with the risk of missing opportunities to align efforts. I want to make sure that what I am doing fits the Governor's priorities and also that his work in areas that overlap with DEC's responsibilities is informed by what we are doing. The Lake Champlain water quality cleanup work is another example of this kind of initiative where the Governor has given some great public messages on work DEC is doing. Climate change and renewable energy development are other obvious areas of overlap and there may be others beyond that as well.

I do not see any big problems to resolve, just a need to figure out how to plan, coordinate and communicate going forward. Now that all of us are starting to have a better feel for our jobs, this might be an ideal time for a conversation. David

David K. Mears, Commissioner

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