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All excellent and very much appreciated ...

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> On May 15, 2014, at 10:16 PM, "Minter, Sue" <Sue.Minter@state.vt.us> wrote:

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> Once again, I found the Task Force meeting to be a great (if exhausting) event, with both education around climate issues (including presentation on the National Climate Assessment, by Dr. John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology) and contact with Cabinet members (Sally Jewell, Interior & Cathy Sullivan NOAA -- 2 fabulous & impressive women!). This (the 3rd) meeting was focused on 2 Sub Committees: Nat. Resources & Ag, and Health & Community Development.

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> Discussion also centered around the Early Action Recommendations that CEQ is queueing up for the Task Force to adopt at its final meeting in July. We are quite pleased that 3 of our main objectives for Vermont are contained within the 6 early action recommendations. Specifically, per our goals, these include: more data tools-- including national LiDAR mapping; incentivizing stormwater investments; and aligning programs to build resilience in recovery. (Note that Vermont's culvert challenge was specifically referenced during the discussion).

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> During the press conference, Chair Boots specifically referenced his Vermont visit, emphasizing his view of Irene recovery, energy efficiency and Gov. Shumlin's leadership in building back stronger, smarter and safer. Deb did a great job being the Gov. representative on the Task Force, while I chaired the final meeting of our disaster recovery subgroup and Sarah supported us both.

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> Deb & I have discussed media strategies, as we feel it is important to try to get Climate Change into the public discourse (!) Deb has drafted an oped, focused on the national Climate Assessment. We also may pursue VPR & Vermont Edition for a more detailed discussion on these issues.

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> Thanks again for this exciting opportunity!

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