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Thanks Boss! L48 was at least at the event.

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## Democratic Governors Association Summer Policy Forum

- **"All of the Above" Energy panel:** John Mingé spoken on an energy panel moderated by Will Marshall of the Public Policy Forum, a think tank best known for advocating the more pragmatic "New Democrat" policies of the Clinton administration. He was joined by Governors Hickenlooper (CO), Malloy (CT) and Edwards (LA), as well as representatives from Noble, Anadarko, Exelon and NextEra Energy. Mingé provided some global perspective on oil supply, spoke about how innovation is driving increased and more affordable oil and gas production in the US, talked about the role of natural gas in America's future energy mix, advocated for smarter and less onerous regulations, and took a stand for a price on carbon.
- On the panel, Edwards spoke out about how his state will continue to focus on growing the use of natural gas, offered to work more closely with industry if it would work with him on his \$50 billion coastal restoration program, and came out against local control of oil and gas production/hydraulic fracking. He also called on the industry to do more education to counter myths about fracking.
- Malloy spoke about the need to get more natural gas supplies to northeast states and reiterated his stated objective of converting 300,000 CT customers to natural gas. Molloy also gave a positive nod to BP's cleanup efforts in the Gulf of Mexico and made a point of repeatedly talking with the BP delegation at events.
- Hickenlooper talked about taking a balanced approach to meeting both energy and climate change goals, of the necessity to move away from coal, in support of innovation and of the state's successful approach to controlling methane that was negotiated with industry.
- Mingé's comments were well received and prompted further conversations with

participants, including two major Democratic donors who are strong climate advocates. Hickenlooper later praised that conversation with the donors as a great example of the value of the event.

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**Anaconda settlement:** [http://mtstandard.com/news/local/anaconda-s-m-pact-with-arco-brings-mixed-reaction/article\\_3bb16f23-7b1c-5d4c-b8eb-809a1c61d843.html](http://mtstandard.com/news/local/anaconda-s-m-pact-with-arco-brings-mixed-reaction/article_3bb16f23-7b1c-5d4c-b8eb-809a1c61d843.html)

**East Chicago, Indiana:**

Here are the articles in the Times and the Post-Tribune about the School City of East Chicago's decision to close Carrie Gosch Elementary School for at least the 2016-17 school year. Both articles point out that the school city's decision was made in spite of the fact that US EPA had cleared the building for use. The Times article says that enrollments are down at the school compared to this time last year. Note that the Times article ends with a reference to a local pastor who compared the situation in East Chicago with the lead contamination issue in drinking water in Flint, Mich.:

[http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/east-chicago/carrie-gosch-elementary-students-relocated-over-lead-fears/article\\_9613b63e-0722-51dd-a7f0-6090566c9c89.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/east-chicago/carrie-gosch-elementary-students-relocated-over-lead-fears/article_9613b63e-0722-51dd-a7f0-6090566c9c89.html)

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/news/ct-ptb-east-chicago-school-plan-st-0809-20160808-story.html>

Here is a link to the WBBM Ch. 2 story on YouTube. The story addresses the low enrollment numbers cited by the Times. As in the Times article, this story indicates that lead contamination has been found only on one corner of the school property, but it does not mention that EPA had cleared the building for use this year (which both the Times and the Post-Tribune pointed out):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrrU9Q1F8HE&feature=em-share\\_video\\_user](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrrU9Q1F8HE&feature=em-share_video_user)

Finally, this Times story is about a lawsuit threatened by a local attorney who is representing a mother and her four children who lived in East Chicago's West Calumet Housing Complex from 2013-2015. The attorney has sent the City, the City Housing Authority and the City Department of Health a notice that he intends to file suit. The article does not mention any other parties who might be sued, and Atlantic Richfield and BP have not received any communications from the attorney:

[http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/lawsuit-planned-over-lead-contamination-at-e-c-complex/article\\_236c75e1-6ec2-5ead-9286-067d17472337.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/lawsuit-planned-over-lead-contamination-at-e-c-complex/article_236c75e1-6ec2-5ead-9286-067d17472337.html)

While none of the stories mentions Atlantic Richfield or BP, they are indicative of the ongoing interest in this matter that is likely to continue.

## BP Wind

**Objective: Identify stakeholders and implement an engagement plan.** Teri Poulton contacted stakeholders from Kansas and Pennsylvania to share an excerpt from Bob Dudley's recent speeches regarding BP's commitment to renewables and the BPWE excerpt from the July edition of Horizon magazine.

**Objective: Promote BP Wind internally and externally to the benefit of the business and the larger BP.**

Led by Allison Griest, the US Comms team launched BPWE's web page on the [bp.com/us](http://bp.com/us) platform. This deliverable closes out all C&EA objectives from 1H in support of the wind business. Allison shared news of this website with all BPWE employees.

**Objective: Re-engage with the larger wind energy industry** Teri Poulton and Paula Barnett attended renewable energy advocacy training offered by Wind Energy Foundation in Austin, TX. They were able to connect with other professional lobbyists (including SunPower, which they learned is owned by Total and is therefore a valuable ally in the all-the-above energy source narrative). They met with Texas State Senator Kel Seliger who is an advocate for wind energy (has over 6000 turbines in his district), but also represents BP's L48 interests in the

state.

## Petrochemicals

### Cooper River

**Objective:** Execute three-pronged community involvement plan, including education/STEM investments, that evidence the value of the plant to the local community.

- **School funding strategy:** Freeman and CPR Ops Manager James Shively to meet with Mark Fitts and incoming plant manager John Harvey next Tuesday to present our strategy for school funding and engagement for the 2016-2017 school year. With their approval, we will be prepared to begin making verbal commitments and distributing funds as we also seek out specific opportunities for employee engagement with a focus on STEM initiatives.
- **Center for Birds of Prey meeting:** Freeman is scheduled to meet with Executive Director Jim Elliott and Development Director Daniel Prohaska to discuss BP's engagement with this long-time supporter and 3<sup>rd</sup> party validator of BP's commitment to conservation. The meeting was scheduled for this Friday but had to be postponed because of scheduling conflicts.
- **PTSD River Challenge:** Freeman is working with representatives of Project Josiah and the Citadel to coordinate details as we begin to finalize plans for the 2016 PTSD River Challenge, scheduled for mid-October. As part of this event, more than 30 combat veterans and a team of supporters will paddle in kayaks for 175 miles from Columbia, SC to the Citadel in Charleston, SC. Participants will camp out at the BP Cooper River Rec Center the Tuesday of their seven-day journey as guests of the Cooper River Veterans BRG. Pending the approval of the new plant manager, C&EA will seek to engage local elected officials and local media. We are also considering opportunities for greater involvement by BP employees, including the possibility of having BP representatives join the group on the water for a day or more. We are also working with the team in Columbia to identify combat veterans in the legislature for possible participation throughout the week. Students from the BP sponsored Jubilee Academy are also being asked again this year to help kick off the challenge by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing a patriotic song.

#### **Objective: Maximize**

**Press planning:** Freeman and Michael Abendhoff reviewed press activity and progress on priority initiatives around the Dragonslayer project. They also began planning for press engagement during the upcoming PTSD River Challenge which will take place in October. We will work together to highlight BP's upcoming engagement with local schools and other key initiatives that support our Strategic Objectives for 2016.

#### **Other activities:**

**MACT Rules:** Freeman is working with Fitts and Eric Johnson at Cooper River to assess best ways to address a potential challenge that is likely to arise based on a projected 48-hour power outage in mid-October mandated by electric provider Santee Cooper for required maintenance. The outage will require use of diesel generators subject to EPA MACT Rules under Title V, which limits the length of time certain types of equipment may be used for non-emergency purposes. Johnson is meeting with Santee Cooper to understand more particulars while Freeman has reached out to SCMA to determine what exceptions may be available through SC DHEC or otherwise.

**PAC Funding:** Freeman has reached out to Tom DeLoach, President of SC BIPEC, to initiate discussions and seek guidance as to the most effective and prudent allocation of BP's

remaining 2016 PAC funds for South Carolina. BIPEC closely follows election trends, legislative campaigns, and issues discussions during the legislative session and in the districts across the state, particularly during election season.

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### **Texas City**

**Objective:** Maintain and strengthen the key, locally focused relationships in order to maintain allies and champions who understand the continuing value of the plant to the local economy and to the quality of life in the community.

**College of the Mainland:** Pete Nowobilski and Maria Viso will meet with representatives from the College of the Mainland (COM) on August 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss BP's contribution to the COM

### **Lower 48**

**Colorado**

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**Colorado ballot initiatives:** It does not appear that Ballot Initiatives #75 (local control of oil and gas production) and #78 (2,500 foot setback for wells) have sufficient signatures to withstand a verification process that the Secretary of State is required to undertake. Each initiative gained just over the amount necessary to file – which would require that 94% of all signatures be valid when the historically best validation rate is 72%.

### **Wyoming**

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## Oklahoma

### Seismic activity:

- Oklahoma City's KWTV (Channel 9) news aired an [investigative story](#) last night about 'why the state took so long to respond to increasing seismic activity'. All three Corporation Commissioners were interviewed. Each discussed how determining a cause in order to determine a state response was not a fast and simple effort.
- The Oklahoma Geological Survey is concerned about the continuing earthquake activity on the fault northwest of Fairview, said Jeremy Boak, director of OGS. "It is 70 percent of the seismic energy that has been released in Oklahoma in 2016," Boak said. "Everywhere else it's declining fairly nicely." Boak said OGS is spending enormous time trying to figure out what is going on in the Fairview area. ([Edmond Sun](#))
- USA today reported on the decline of earthquakes in the state in 2016.
- This week OIPA and the Oklahoma Geological Survey announced their partnership on a new study of seismic activity utilizing pressure monitors. Nine wells have been identified where operators have agreed to place the equipment. Kim Hatfield, OIPA chairman of the induced seismicity work group, is working to find operators willing to offer three more disposal wells. ([The Oklahoman](#), [Journal Record](#) (sub req'd) and [Tulsa World](#))

**Legislative update:** Legislation to raise taxes is likely in the 2017 session. Brad Gibson of Oklahoma Watch reports the pain schools are facing with reduced budgets might be less if the state and counties took steps to collect more education-related taxes that are being lost because of wrongly assessed property values.

**PAC update:** Thompson continues to deliver BP Employee PAC checks. He also spoke by phone at an L48 LT in support of Karen Hyland's presentation on the PAC, outlining how he uses the PAC as an advocacy tool in his role now and how he viewed PAC checks when he served as a legislator.

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### Upcoming events

August 18: Cooper River CAP hosts Senator Scott Staff visit to BP Cooper River for site tour and plant overview

August 23: Viso will lead the STEM check presentations to Texas City-area Independent School Districts, supported by Paula Barnett.

August 24: SC Chamber of Commerce presents SC Washington Night (BP Sponsored). Lanier will attend, as well as possibly Ryn Wilker.

August 25-26 Tour of Butte and Anaconda Superfund sites, Joe Ellis and Bob Miner with Bob Fryar and Bob Genovese

September 8: Lanier will attend the Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce "Salute to Business" luncheon with keynote by Governor Haley

September 12-13: John Mingé trip to Montana, including speech to Treasure State Resource

Association. Will include a speech on the need for sound science in environmental policy in support of consent decree objectives in Montana. Supported by Bob Miner.

September 14-15 Miner will join the RM project manager in a series of meetings with external stakeholders in Great Falls, Montana.

October 11-12: PTSD River Challenge overnight at the BP Cooper River Recreation Center – Hosted by the Veterans BRG. Lanier will support and coordinate with the Press Office.

October 18 Lanier will attend the Lowcountry Manufacturers Council Annual Meeting and Dinner – Charleston, SC. (BP Sponsored)

October 19 Lanier will attend the Lowcountry Land Trust Business Breakfast, Charleston SC

October 19-20: South Carolina House Republican Caucus Annual Golf Outing – Hilton Head Island. James Shively to play in the tournament on behalf of BP. Lanier expected to support.

November 16-17: SC Chamber of Commerce Annual Summit – Isle of Palms, SC (BP Sponsored). Lanier will attend.

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