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Please see the email from Tom Burke below relating to today's Guardian story about BP lobbying.

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We will also needs lines on this to reassure UK Government officials, particularly in light of COP26. A large proportion of civil servants read the Guardian.

Thanks,

Andrew

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From: Tom Burke < @e3g.org> Sent: 23 January 2020 11:42 To: Mennear, Andrew KA @uk.bp.com> Subject: BP's TRUST DEFICIT

Andrew,

You will have seen the this piece in today's Guardian. <u>https://www.theguardian.com/business/2020/jan/23/trump-weakened-environmental-laws-after-bp-lobbying</u>

NEPA is the jewel in the crown of US environmental law. If you want to change it to make it work better you need to propose the changes with environmental partners not, or at least as well as, the API and the ACC. If government agencies do not have enough staff to carry out environmental reviews 'in a timely manner' BP should be arguing for more funding for the agencies not for being allowed to do the reviews itself.

This really article destroys confidence in any effort your new CEO wants to make to reposition BP on climate change. It legitimises the widely held view that oil leopards never change their sports. In these digitally transparent days BP cannot go on appearing to speak out of both sides of its mouth and expect to avoid demonisation.

Best wishes,

Tom

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