

EPA Alumni Association News



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Message from the President

I know all of you have been as concerned as I have been to watch critics of EPA in the Congress and the public become more vocal in the past few years. Even more disturbing is the increased frequency with which these criticisms are incorporated in proposed legislation or other actions that are designed to hamstring the Agency and prevent it from carrying out its statutory responsibilities.



Dave Calkins, President

No agency is perfect, but I have felt that most of these criticisms are unfounded and some are intentional distortions of EPA's actions and *potential* actions. Most of us are no longer at EPA and aren't in a position to address these criticisms on behalf of the Agency, but that doesn't mean that we don't still care.

Are there things we as alumni can do to counter these attacks or help EPA weather them? Some of us within the Association have been asking that question more frequently recently, and I would like to reach out to all of you for your ideas of how we might help, individually or as an Association.

Among the ideas that some have put on the table for consideration are:

- The Association can continue to make veteran employees and managers available to participate in training for current staff -- where, among other things, we can offer perspectives on how we survived and overcame other

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periods of adversity.

- Members can contact their representatives in Congress to emphasize the importance of maintaining adequate staffing levels at EPA and funding to implement environmental statutes.
- We can look for opportunities to talk about EPA programs and accomplishments in our own communities - drawing both on our own experiences and by using material on the EPA and EPA-AA web sites as resources. Similarly, we can use social media to post articles about the good things EPA is doing to protect the health and welfare of us all.
- Members can communicate with local newspapers and other media to explain environmental issues and EPA processes.
- We can speak up when others "talk down" in every forum - even at the dinner table. We can make an effort to disassociate EPA employees from those that govern at any particular time and focus on the scientific and technological breakthroughs that American industry teaming with EPA professionals have accomplished.

Do you have ideas about what the Association and members should do? As a way of starting this conversation, we have created a page on the Association website where we can "talk" to each other and exchange ideas. [Click here to join the conversation.](#) In addition, we will provide updates about EPA-specific budget and legislative issues to our members and identify key Congressional committees or agencies where action is pending. [Click here to register to receive these alerts.](#)

I know many of us feel very passionate about the importance of EPA's mission and the need for a strong, energetic, and enthusiastic Agency to achieve environmental goals. I know we can make a difference. Let's work together to figure out the best way to do it.

EPA Staff Continue Serving During Furlough



RTP Work Crew at Eno River State Park

Although prohibited from volunteering to perform their official duties by the Anti-Deficiency Act, a number of individual employees and groups volunteered to help state and local agencies and non-profit groups during the "lock-out" from government service.

Staff at RTP developed a web site with information on volunteer opportunities and undertook several projects. Their efforts came to the attention of local press. The Raleigh Herald Sun quoted Tania Dautlick, Executive

Director of the non-profit Keep Durham Beautiful, "Having the volunteer time is incredible. We're always grateful for volunteer contributions."

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Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who joined since the July 2013 newsletter was distributed. Click a person's name to read their profile.

Steven Anderson
Kit Armstrong
Brian Beales
Diana Bailey
Cathleen Barnes
Janice Bartel
Ken Bigos
Alison Bird
Rob Cahill
Janet Crawford
Andrew Creekmore
James Cummings
Anthony Dappolone
Lisa Fasano
Shiva Garg
Linda Garwood
Jane Hopkins
Marianne Horinko
Thomas Jones
Denise Keehner
James Kilgroe
Cat Kuhlman
Michael Lazaro
Emily Lee

Read the full Herald Sun article [here](#).

Fallout from John Beale's Fraud

John Beale did a lot of damage to EPA's reputation by his cavalier acts of fraud. While it took EPA far too long to catch this crook, we know that EPA is filled with responsible professionals. It is heartening to see that Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe and Agency management personnel have taken aggressive steps to fill the cracks in the system that John Beale exploited to line his pockets. If you would like more details on the changes the Agency has made, you can read its December Corrective Actions Report on the Association's website [here](#).



R7 Alums at one of their monthly lunches.

Region VII Alums Gather Monthly

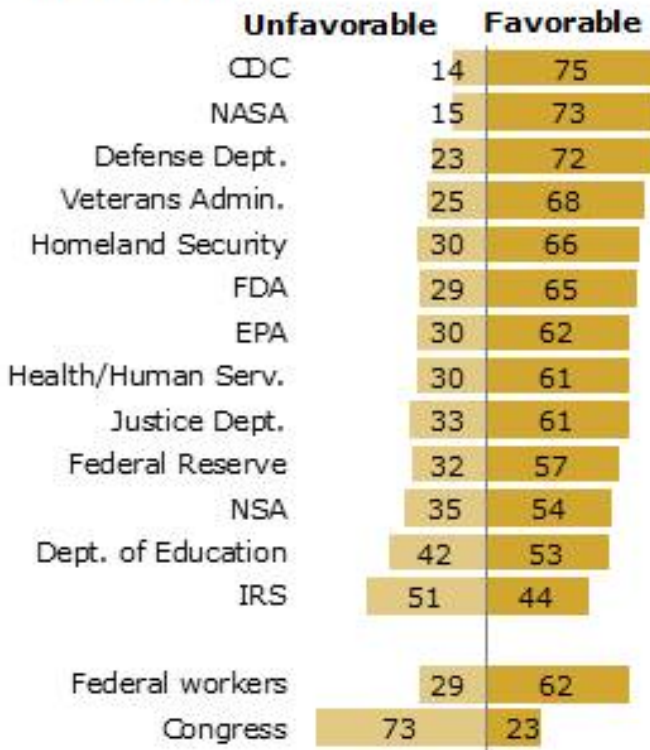
An email list now approaching 200 former Region VII employees receives a newsy update and luncheon invitation monthly. Information on vacations, grandchildren, achievements, illnesses and deaths of former staff of the Kansas City Region circulates electronically. Each of a dozen volunteers takes responsibility for organizing one of the 12 monthly luncheons which are held in the KC area. [Click here](#) to be added to the list.

- Elizabeth Lonoff
- Phil Lorang
- Vicente Marti
- Nancy Mayer
- Henry Mazzucca
- Mary McKiel
- Chet McLaughlin
- Linda Murray
- Lottie Parker
- Larry Reed
- Carl Reeverts
- Edwin Reichard
- John Richardson
- Douglas Ruby
- Suzanne Rudzinski
- Zubair Saleem
- Wayne Savage
- Katherine Seikel
- Harry Seraydarian
- Larry Shepard
- Ted Simon
- William Spinazzola
- David Stangel
- Janis Thompson
- Marylouise Uhlig
- Glenn Unterberger
- Ed Watters
- Stephen Weil
- Bill Wick
- William Wisniewski
- Anna Wolgast
- Gene Wossum

If you know of former colleagues who are not yet members, please forward this newsletter and invite them to join!

2 to 1 Public Views EPA Favorably

Positive Views of Most Agencies, Federal Workers



PEW RESEARCH CENTER Oct. 9-13, 2013. Don't know responses not shown.

Gallup: Public Supports Environmental Efforts

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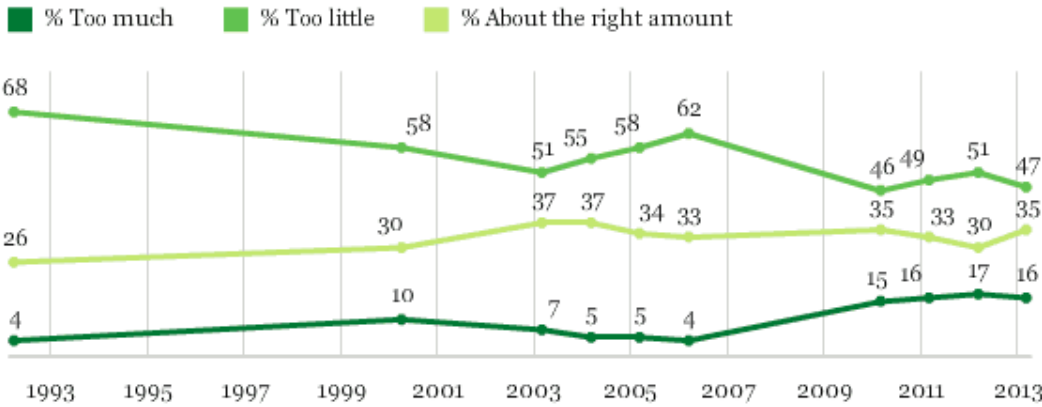
Eric Stork 2/2/2014

Norm Shutler 1/25/2014

Frank Covington 1/18/2014

Patti Post 1/1/2014

Do you think the U.S. government is doing too much, too little, or about the right amount in terms of protecting the environment?



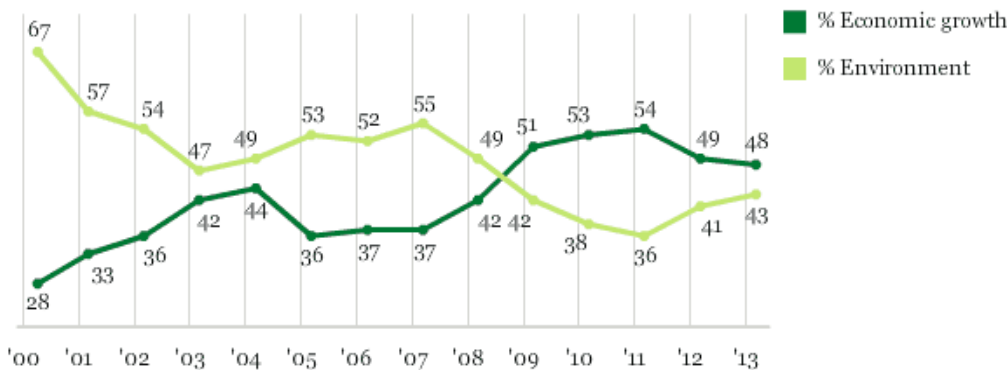
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More information [here](#).

But Most Place Higher Priority on Economy

Prioritizing Environmental Protection vs. Economic Growth -- Recent Trend

With which one of these statements about the environment and the economy do you most agree -- [protection of the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of curbing economic growth (or) economic growth should be given priority, even if the environment suffers to some extent]?



Trend based on Gallup's annual Environment surveys, conducted April 2000 and each March since 2001.

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More information [here](#).

Bill Pierce 12/28/2013

Betty Saladin 11/12/13

Frank Terry 10/25/2013

Vic Ziegler 8/1/2013

Ira Leighton 7/26/13

Gordon Huter 7/17/2013

Board Nominations Open

Nominate yourself or a colleague for one of 4 positions on the EPA Alumni Association Board. These three-year terms will begin in May-June of 2014.

[Click here](#) to view a document describing what is expected of Board members. [Click here](#) to read brief biographies of current members. If you want to nominate someone else, please obtain their agreement beforehand. Please submit nominations to nominate@EPAalumni.org by February 21, 2014.

HISTORY OF EPA --AS ONLY ALUMNI CAN TELL IT!

The Oral History committee has been working diligently to record our history of EPA. Take a look at two of the latest additions:



[Click here \(you will need to sign in\)](#)

Calling All Photographers

The handsome photo of the Loon family on the masthead of this newsletter was taken by Bob Patrick at East Lake near Florence, Wisconsin. Bob retired from Region VII in 2012. Look closely to see the chick riding on the back of her parent! We will feature additional photos from our members in future newsletters. If you have photos you'd like to be considered, please email them to: newsletter@epaalumni.org.

Thanks!

Thank You Contributors!

We are most grateful for donations of any size. We want to thank the 150 members who have made a donation since our July 2013 Newsletter. We couldn't do this without you!

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