

EPA Request for Comments

Sample Scripts and Talking Points (Until Monday, May 15th, 11:59PM ET)

Here are some scripts for public comments for the Proposed Rule, Evaluation of Existing Regulations, aka (in Trump/Pruitt's minds) "how best to gut the EPA". Trump/Pruitt are expecting industry to flood the public comments docket with their wish lists, and call it a day on May 15 when the comment period closes. However, the comments submitted so far have been more like, "I like to breathe. When I can't breathe I get scared. I also like to drink water."

For the next two weeks, we will be prompting you to advocate for specific types of regulations. So far, we have commented on [The Clean Air Act](#) and [The Clean Water Act](#), and [chemicals/pesticides](#). For our final push, we turn our attention to climate change.

If you'd like to add suggestions and sample scripts to this page, please email indivisibleventura@gmail.com or dailyactions.indivisiblesb@gmail.com, and we'll add them in.

Instructions

Please do not cut and paste and call it a day! The EPA is on the lookout for identical-sounding comments. Edit the script to make it your own and add personal commentary. These scripts are designed to inform and are for inspiration and ideas! We'll be adding more daily.

Go Here: <http://tinyurl.com/mdb2acp>

...which will take you directly to the EPA comment page! Yay!

Right around all the crap they put it to confuse you!

Then put in your comment. (I started by copying item #2 under "Clean Air Comments" below, pasting it in and just messing with it until it sounded more like how I would write. I threw in China just for fun.) Remember, your comment does not need to be profound, just sincere. And we need a lot of them.

(Here's some great tips from Indivisible Berkeley!):

The EPA's "Tips for Effective Comments" emphasizes

1. that one well-supported comment is often more informative than a thousand form letters, (but if this is all you can do, do it!)
2. not attacking persons, the Agency or using profanity or personal threats
3. using sound reasoning, scientific evidence, and/or **describing how you will be impacted**
4. providing technical information and/or data when possible.

1 Your Information

Information entered will be viewable on Regulations.gov

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2 Your Preview

3 Your Receipt

Agency Posting Guidelines: Comments will be posted to www.regulations.gov and made available for in-person viewing at. [More info](#)

[View Commenter's Checklist \(PDF\)](#) | [Alternate Ways to Comment](#)

Comment (Required)

I'm old enough to remember smog alert days in LA. There were over 200 of them a year and they made it hard for kids to play outside and for people with respiratory issues to breathe. You could literally see a brown blanket over the city. Now, with the Clean Air Act, businesses have had to be better citizens and clean up their acts. The city now looks crystal clear when you see it from a distance and that represents fewer healthcare dollars being spent. Now China is going through what we did, with their kids restricted to the indoors and people sickened, and they too will finally decide to do better. We are an example of what can be done and I'm proud of us for taking that step, and disheartened that we have to write to save our progress now.

Write your comment here.

4248 characters remaining

Upload file(s) (Optional)

Choose files

Drop files here

Then press this

☐ I am submitting on behalf of a third party

Continue

When you're finished, press the "Continue" button at the bottom. Like checking out at Amazon, it will then give you a chance to review and edit your masterpiece. I'd made a lot of typos, so I fixed them. (Note, if you don't sign your comment in this box, when you press on the next continue button, your comment will post as "Anonymous". There are a lot of anonymous comments, which is fine.)

Now press "Continue" one more time and your comment will post. If you give them your email, they will give you a number to track your comment. This isn't required.

Share your new skill! Now that you know how to do this, please make this a daily hobby and share your knowledge with others until the EPA comment period closes on May 15th! Thanks!

5/13 Today's Extra-Credit Comment for Scott Pruitt!

(Remember, modify to sound uniquely like you)

(From Rogen's List) "It was the EPA's National Vehicle and Fuels Emissions Laboratory engineers who discovered how VW was cheating on emissions and worked with California and Department of Justice to get more that \$25B in settlement from VW. It also sets all the air pollution and GHG gas standards for all vehicles and engines and provides assistance to the states. It is regarded by the industry and emissions world as the gold standard

emissions lab. The Trump budget in effect cuts lab operations by 99% and employees by over 50% -There is a real possibility it will close. Its loss would be harmful for us all."

5/14 Today's Extra-Credit Comment for Jen Hofmann!

I object to the denial of the petition to revoke tolerance for chlorpyrifos, a dangerous chemical that causes birth defects and neurological damage. The [MSDS states](#), "Fetotoxicity and fetal developmental abnormalities were observed in a chronic ingestion study of pregnant mice . . . Effects reported in [human] workers repeatedly exposed include impaired memory and concentration, acute psychosis, severe depressions, social withdrawal, confusion, headache, speech difficulties, delayed reaction times, spatial disorientation, nightmares, sleepwalking, and drowsiness or insomnia." Most farmers know to use less harmful, more effective chemicals to solve pest problems. All tolerances for this chemical should be revoked.

Clean Air Act

You can access our previous script suggestions for the Clean Air Act [here](#).

Clean Water Act

You can access our previous script suggestions for the Clean Water Act [here](#).

Pesticides, Chemicals, Radiation, Lead Paint, Etc.

You can access our previous script suggestions for pesticides, chemicals and other nasty stuff [here](#).

From Indivisible East Bay (SF)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dBjTvb4YI2yhAzghsT_3yS-MGQIhKVKKGXIOCxJvGA/edit

Climate Change

Climate Change (Clean Air Act)

The Clean Power Plan, developed under the Obama administration and to be eliminated under Trump, would reduce carbon dioxide emissions from coal-burning power plants by 32 percent within twenty-five years relative to 2005 levels (Foster, Peter (3 August 2015). "[Barack Obama unveils plan to tackle greenhouse gases and climate change](#)". *The Telegraph*). In addition, it would reduce the pollutants that contribute to smog and soot by 25 percent, and the reduction will lead to net climate and health benefits of an estimated \$25 billion to \$45 billion per year in 2030. That includes the avoidance of 140,000 to 150,000 asthma attacks among children and 2,700 to 6,600 premature deaths (EPA,OAR,OAA, US. "[FACT SHEET: Clean Power Plan](#)

[Benefits](#)". www2.epa.gov). EPA projected that the plan would save the average American family \$85 per year in energy bills in 2030, and it will save enough energy to power 30 million homes and save consumers \$155 billion from 2020–2030. The plan would create 30 percent more renewable energy generation in 2030 and help to lower the costs of renewable energy ([Climate Change](#)". *The White House*). It also would create hundreds of thousands of jobs, according to the NRDC. (Indivisible Berkeley)

Fuel Economy

The fuel economy of the fleet of American cars continues to improve. Why? Partly because people tend to buy more fuel efficient cars when gas prices go up. But another reason is that in 2007, Congress tightened fuel economy standards for cars. The result is that consumers now have more options for fuel efficient cars than ever before. The EPA needs to continue regulating the fuel economy of our fleet. It's the only way that we'll be able to fight back against climate change. (IndivisibleSB)

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2013/12/13/cars-in-the-u-s-are-more-fuel-efficient-than-ever-heres-how-it-happened/?utm_term=.f400c6690641

Fuel Economy

Today, EPA regulations mandate passenger cars to have an average of 36 miles per gallon. This regulation has resulted in an increase of 10 mpg on average for passenger cars over the last 10 years. The new standard would require that passenger cars average 54 mpg by 2025. This would reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, reduce smog in dense cities, and would drive innovation in the automobile industry. We have made so much progress, and we need to continue making progress. The EPA should stick with the strong new fuel economy standards. (IndivisibleSB)

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-trump-autos-20170315-story.html>

Energy Star

When it comes time to buy a new appliance, it is nice to know how energy efficient is, and what it will do to your electricity bill. Luckily, we have the Energy Star program. The manufacturer voluntarily applies to the EPA for the ability to use the Energy Star label, and customers know that if they buy an appliance with the energy star label, they will save money on their electricity bill. Please continue to fund this program - it is a fantastic example of a voluntary consumer-manufacturer partnership, and it really works. (IndivisibleSB)

<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/noah-horowitz/energy-star-delivers-big-america-why-put-it-risk>

Global Warming

The EPA regulates greenhouse gases, and needs to continue to do so. The problem is that both the Trump administration and Scott Pruitt have their doubts about global warming. Explain that greenhouse gas regulation is of critical importance, and speak to one of the reasons listed in this excellent article from Union of Concerned Scientists Article. Issues that are particularly easy to talk about in Southern California are the lengthening wildfire season, more severe droughts in some areas, and more frequent and intense heat waves. (IndivisibleSB)

<http://www.ucsusa.org/our-work/global-warming/science-and-impacts/global-warming-impacts>