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**Subject:** RE: [EXT] Administrator's Visit

Hey, Dr. Omari –

It will be good to know what the EPA is thinking in terms of direct funding and timing. And by timing I mean is there money they can access right now, or do we need a supplemental appropriation (which is an end of the year proposition as a part of the omnibus). I'm adding the latter to the weekly conversation with the delegation as something we should focus collective attention. Also adding my colleagues to these notes as I anticipate that Ice Miller have to be in multiple places at once with the water issue in Mississippi and I want them looped in on our conversations.

Noted re: FEMA and Army Corps. We have our call re: the \$5M this week with FEMA as well. We'll also discuss the Pearl River project with the delegation Thursday morning.

The only counter to the narrative is a forward-facing plan about what the City will do and how they'll pay for it. That's the knock on the City in Washington – there's no plan. We need something in writing that we can socialize, do press, etc.

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Administrator Regan and Region 4 Administrator Blackman, along with Radhika Fox will be here this week. Meetings will be on Wednesday, but we don't have a time yet. The Mayor and I will meet separately with Radhika Fox on Thursday morning at 9 to specifically request direct funding for the City that does not have to go through the State.

We will be setting up regular briefing meetings with FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers beginning this week for the duration of their time here.

Now that the pressure is restored, and we expect to have the BWN lifted within the next week or so, we are putting together a team to address what we should ask for from the federal government for long term fixes -- including the possibility of a new plant. We will announce the team and the plan later this week. Will keep you posted.

The Governor is hitting us pretty hard, at least in the local media, and we need to counter his narrative as soon as possible.

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*“Those who say it can’t be done are usually interrupted by others doing it.” - James Baldwin,  
Notes of a Native Son*

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