



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
Washington, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF  
AIR AND RADIATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Updated Recusal Statement

**FROM:** Joseph Goffman  
Acting Assistant Administrator

**TO:** Michael S. Regan  
Administrator

I have consulted with the Office of General Counsel/Ethics (OGC/Ethics) and been advised about my ethics obligations. This memorandum formally notifies you of my continuing obligation to recuse myself from participating personally and substantially in certain matters in which I have a financial interest, or a personal or business relationship. I also understand that I have obligations pursuant to Executive Order 13989 and President Biden's Ethics Pledge that I signed. This recusal statement replaces and supersedes the recusal statement I signed on April 8, 2021.

*OBLIGATIONS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 13989*

Pursuant to Section 1, Paragraph 2 of the Executive Order, I understand that I am prohibited from participating in any particular matter involving specific parties in which my former employer, **Harvard University**, is a party or represents a party. I understand that my recusal will last for two years from the date that I joined federal service. This recusal will end after January 20, 2023.

I have been advised by OGC/Ethics that, for the purposes of this pledge obligation, the term "particular matters involving specific parties" is broadened to include any meetings or other communication relating to the performance of my official duties, unless the communication applies to a particular matter of general applicability and participation in the meeting or other event is open to all interested parties. I am further advised that the term "open to all interested parties" means that the meeting should include a multiplicity of parties. If, for example, there is "a meeting with five or more stakeholders regarding a given policy or piece of legislation, [then I] could attend such a meeting even if one of the stakeholders is a former employer or former client."<sup>1</sup> Should a question arise as to whether a specific forum qualifies as "open to all interested parties," then I will consult with OGC/Ethics.

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<sup>1</sup> See Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Advisory DO-09-011 (3/26/09), which applies to Exec. Order 13989 pursuant to OGE Legal Advisories LA-21-03 (1/22/21) and LA-21-05 (2/23/21).

*FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST*

As required by 18 U.S.C. § 208(a), I will not participate personally and substantially in any particular matter in which I know that I have a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, or in which I know that a person whose interests are imputed to me has a financial interest directly and predictably affected by the matter, unless I first obtain a written waiver, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(1), or qualify for a regulatory exemption, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(2). I understand that the interests of the following persons are imputed to me: any spouse or minor child of mine; any general partner of a partnership in which I am a limited or general partner; any organization in which I serve as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee; and any person or organization with which I am negotiating or have an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

*Particular Matters Involving Specific Parties*

Because of the current level of financial ownership, I am disqualified from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter that affects any of following entities as a specific party:

RECUSAL LIST – SPECIFIC PARTY MATTERS			
Abbot Laboratories	Abbvie	Accenture PLC	Agilent Technologies
Alphabet Inc	Altria Group	Amazon	American Express
Ameriprise Financial	Apple, Inc.	Arthur J Gallagher	AT&T
Becton Dickinson	Centene Corp	Charter Communications	Cisco Systems
Colgate Palmolive	Comcast	Costco	Danaher Corp
Deere & Co.	Discover Financial	Disney	Dollar Tree Inc
Facebook	Fidelity	First Rep Bank	Glaxo Smith Kline
IBM	Johnson & Johnson	JP Morgan Chase	Lab Co of America Holding
Markel Corp	Martin Marietta Materials Inc	Meditronic PLC	Merck & Co.
Mettler Toledo Intl	Microsoft	Mondelez International	Monster Beverage
Nestle S.A.	Nike	Novartis AG	Omnicom Group
PayPal	PepsiCo	Pfizer Inc.	Philip Morris
Proctor & Gamble Co.	PNC Financial	Roche Holding AG	SalesForce
Sherwin Williams	Spotify	Starbucks Corp	State Street
TJX	Truist Financial Corp	United Health Group	US Bancorp
Verizon Comm	Visa	Wells Fargo	Zoetis, Inc.

*Particular Matters of General Applicability*

I am also disqualified from participating personally and substantially in any particular matter of general applicability that is focused on the interests of any individual discrete and identifiable class of “persons” (identified as “sectors” below). This prohibition extends to each class (or sector) individually. If a matter affects all sectors or if a particular matter affects a combination of sectors, including the ones listed below, then I understand that I do not have a financial conflict of interest.

RECUSAL LIST – INDIVIDUAL SECTORS		
Agricultural & Farm Machinery	Apparel, Accessories, & Footwear	Banks
Commodity Chemicals (Paint)	Construction Machinery & Heavy Trucks	Construction Materials
Cruise lines	Diversified Financials	Food & Staples Retailing
Healthcare Equipment & Services	Household & Personal Products	Household Appliances (lawn & garden tools)
Insurance	Internet & Direct Marketing Retail	Logistics
Media & Entertainment (including interactive media and services, and advertising)	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Packaged Foods & Meats (snack food)
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, & Life Sciences	Professional Services	Software & Services
Technology Hardware & Equipment	Telecommunication Services	Tobacco

*Corporate Bonds*

I am recused from participating in any particular matter that will have a direct and predictable financial effect upon the ability and willingness of the following bond issuers to honor their obligations or that will affect their bond ratings:

RECUSAL LIST – BONDS			
Amgen, Inc.	Anthem, Inc.	Apple, Inc.	Comcast Corporation
General Dynamics Corporation	Morgan Stanley	Starbucks Corporation	State Street Corporation

## *SCREENING ARRANGEMENT*

In order to ensure that I do not participate in matters relating to any of the entities listed above, I will instruct Ann Ferrio, Chief of Staff, to assist in screening EPA matters directed to my attention that involve my former employer or my former clients. All inquiries and comments involving the entities or issue areas on my recusal list should be directed to the Chief of Staff without my knowledge or involvement.

If the Chief of Staff determines that a particular matter will directly involve any of the entities or issue areas on my recusal list, then she will refer it for action or assignment to another, without my knowledge or involvement. In the event that she is unsure whether an issue is a particular matter from which I am recused, then she will consult with OGC/Ethics for a determination. I will provide a copy of this memorandum to my principal subordinates and a copy to Justina Fugh, Director, Ethics Office.

## *UPDATE AS NECESSARY*

In consultation with OGC/Ethics, I will revise and update my recusal statement whenever warranted by changed circumstances, including changes in my financial interests, changes in my personal or business relationships, or any changes to my EPA duties. In the event of any changes, I will provide a copy of the revised recusal statement to you and OGC/Ethics.

cc: Elizabeth Shaw, Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Tomás Carbonell, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Stationary Sources  
Alejandra Nunez, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Mobile Sources  
Ann (Campbell) Ferrio, Chief of Staff  
Eunjung Kim, Special Assistant  
Justina Fugh, Director, Ethics Office