

RE: query on Stormwater issue Rein, Kevin

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Amy Clark 08/14/2012 01:37 PM

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From: "Rein, Kevin" < Kevin.Rein@state.co.us>

To: Amy Clark/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

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Amy,

This looks great, it'll be a good document for me to keep on hand.

Thanks,

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From: Amy Clark [mailto:Clark.Amy@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2012 9:25 AM

To: Rein, Kevin

Subject: Fw: query on Stormwater issue

Kevin - Thanks for reviewing and correcting my answers. Attached below is the response I sent to Mr. Allen. Thanks again!

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From: Amy Clark/R8/USEPA/US
To: Arthur Allen <arthurallenw@aol.com>
Date: 08/10/2012 10:39 AM
Subject: Re: query on Stormwater issue

Mr. Allen - Attached is my response to your questions. I apologize that I am unable to answer your first question. However, I have listed my EPA contact who is better suited at providing you a response. She was in training all this week but is back next week, I believe. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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-----Arthur Allen <arthurallenw@aol.com> wrote: -----

To: Amy Clark/R8/USEPA/US@EPA

From: Arthur Allen <arthurallenw@aol.com>

Date: 08/07/2012 06:51PM

Subject: Re: query on Stormwater issue

I'm hoping to write the story up Thursday. Could you send me some answers in writing, and then I'll follow up if i need more?

thanks very much!

Arthur Allen

freelance writer, Washington DC

author, Vaccine: the Controversial Story of Medicine's Greatest Lifesaver (WW Norton, 2007); Ripe: The Search for the Perfect Tomato (Counterpoint, 2010)

----Original Message-----

From: Amy Clark < Clark. Amy@epamail.epa.gov>

To: Arthur Allen <arthurallenw@aol.com>

Sent: Tue, Aug 7, 2012 5:14 pm

Subject: Re: query on Stormwater issue

Mr. Allen - Thank you for the information. I think I understand what you are asking. Would it be best to discuss your questions over the phone or would in writing be preferred? Is there a time frame?

Thank you,

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Arthur Allen ---08/02/2012 11:49:57 AM---Thank you, Ms. Clark. I did speak with Dick Wolfe and Kevin Rein at the Engineer's office, and they

From: Arthur Allen <arthurallenw@aol.com>
To: Amy Clark/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 08/02/2012 11:49 AM
Subject: Re: query on Stormwater issue

Thank you, Ms. Clark. I did speak with Dick Wolfe and Kevin Rein at the Engineer's office, and they were very helpful. The reason I wanted to speak with you is, I wanted the federal perspective on what Colorado is doing. A year ago I did an article for Landscape Architecture about some of the ways Eastern Seaboard cities (Washington and Philadelphia, to be specific) were dealing with stormwater requirements - Washington with a big dig (to generalize), Philadelphia with the greening project -- and the editors of the magazine wanted me to write a story that talks about how Colorado is making small steps toward doing 'sustainable' things with stormwater, although the historical legal framework is so different because of the focus on quantity rather than quality of water, and the prior use laws that usually prohibit people from holding stormwater on their property for more than 72 hours.

So, in terms of specific questions, I guess they would be along the lines of:

- --How are the federal and state governments working together in Colorado to improve sustainability with improved stormwater useage?
- --What impact could better stormwater use make on Colorado and other states' chronic water issues?
- --how much does Colorado's prior use law limit what can be done to treat/hold/reuse stormwater in Colorado?

Hope this helps. It may be that I'm not asking the right questions... journalistsnot being experts on a given topic they write about, often aren't! -- so I'd also welcome any other thoughts you had on this subject.

All best,

Arthur Allen

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-----Original Message----From: Amy Clark < Clark.Amy@epamail.epa.gov >
To: Arthur Allen < arthurallenw@aol.com >
Sent: Thu, Aug 2, 2012 11:56 am
Subject: Re: query on Stormwater issue

Dear Mr. Allen - Thank you for your inquiry. Would it be possible for you to provide me with a list of the questions you have before we speak? I also strongly suggest inquiring with the Colorado Division of Water Resources (also known as the State Engineers Office) which administers water rights in the State. If you need a contact at the State Engineers, please let me know and I can provide you with my contact's information.

Thank you,

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** Arthur Allen ---08/01/2012 02:18:08 PM---Dear Ms. Clark, I'm writing a story for Landscape Architecture magazine about how Colorado is recons

From: Arthur Allen <arthurallenw@aol.com>
To: Amy Clark/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 08/01/2012 02:18 PM
Subject: query on Stormwater issue

Dear Ms. Clark,

I'm writing a story for Landscape Architecture magazine about how Colorado is reconsidering aspects of its traditional water law system to incorporate on-site stormwater useage, at least on a pilot basis. Would it be possible to speak with you about this issue?

Thanks and best regards,

Arthur Allen freelance writer, Washington DC

author, Vaccine: the Controversial Story of Medicine's Greatest Lifesaver (WW Norton, 2007); Ripe: The Search

for the Perfect Tomato (Counterpoint, 2010)

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