

October 5, 2012

The Honorable Lisa Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Jackson:

On August 6, 2012, I wrote you about a “draft scientific study of the Bristol Bay watershed and its natural resources” titled “*An Assessment of Potential Mining Impacts on Salmon Ecosystems of Bristol Bay, Alaska.*”¹ At the conclusion of my letter, I requested a staff briefing by the end of the month. Negotiations resulted in a briefing scheduled for October 4, 2012 – two months after my initial letter. However, earlier this week, your staff cancelled the briefing without explanation.

I am disappointed by this turn of events, and hope this is not a sign of how your agency will proceed on this matter. As Chairman of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I am very interested in the manner in which this scientific review was conducted.

Please ensure that this briefing is rescheduled immediately. You may have your staff contact Raj Bharwani with the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee at (202) 225-6371.

Sincerely,

Rep. Paul Broun, MD
Chairman
Subcommittee on Investigations
and Oversight

¹ U.S. EPA, News Releases from Region 10, May 18, 2012, available at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/d96f984dfb3ff7718525735900400c29/6979fe30fc6583f385257a020061b472%21OpenDocument>.