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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/28/2018 5:59:48 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Ruth Etzel?

Waiting for who it will be attributed to – should be soon

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Friday, September 28, 2018 1:57 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ruth Etzel?

This is our opportunity to strike...let's break this new statement with him.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**Resent-From:** <Press@epa.gov>  
**From:** Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net>  
**Date:** September 28, 2018 at 1:52:15 PM EDT  
**To:** "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Ruth Etzel?

Hey everyone,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

I'm working on a story about Ruth Etzel, director of EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection, and her job status at the agency. I had a few questions about this, which are:

-- I now understand that Etzel is no longer on administrative leave and has been reinstated at EPA. Is that accurate?

-- When was Etzel reinstated at EPA? Yesterday? Today? Please be specific as possible.

-- Why was Etzel placed on administrative leave? And why was Etzel reinstated at EPA?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is 4 pm EST today but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

**Kevin Bogardus**  
E&E News Reporter