The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is being inundated with visitors this month. One unlikely visitor is shown here owlishly peeking into the EPA headquarters’ offices on Wednesday. “S/he is probably trying to figure out what is going on and what they are going to do about the Occupy EPA march going down on Friday,” said a former employee, while an employee on the inside remarked, “It is nice to see that we have two visitors that refuse to give up on us and refuse to consider us a hopeless case,” referring to the owl and the OccupyEPA movement.

In a memo sent out to the employees in EPA headquarters offices, EPA security announced the following precautions, “EPA has learned that Occupy EPA demonstrators are expected near EPA Federal Triangle facilities Friday, March 30, for a rally scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. in the grassy area between 12th Street and the entrance to the Federal Triangle Metro Station. As a precautionary measure, FPS (federal police) will increase its presence in the Federal Triangle area, and Security Management Division personnel (wearing orange vests) will be outside to answer employees’ questions. ….. Additional security alerts will be sent as needed.

“Evidently, the Owlish visitor found out that some of his fellow animals will be in the march and rally. Environmentally-friendly alpacas and Snowflake the Polar Bear will be marching with occupiers down 12th Street NW to the EPA grassy area in front of Administrator Jackson’s office,” said Susan Morris. “We are expecting a large turnout to protest corporate greed, pollution of our environment, and exploitation of our planet, along with EPA targeting whistleblowers and violating civil rights laws. Evidently the word has gone out throughout the animal kingdom. Dogs have always been a part of the Occupy movement as man and woman’s best friend, but these new creatures have as much to lose as we do, and maybe more as they continue to lose their habitats.

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