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EPA Headquarters Warns Employees: Occupy Demonstrators are Coming--Large Security Force will be Present

Today, an internal memo was leaked from EPA Headquarters stating how nervous the Agency is about the up-coming March 30th OccupyEPA Rally. Following is the memo to employees:

From: EPA Security Updates

To: All HQ

Date: 03/27/2012 11:52 AM

Subject: Peaceful Demonstration Anticipated at EPA HQ 03/30/12

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 will increase its presence in the Federal Triangle area, and Security Management Division personnel (wearing orange vests) will be outside to answer employees' questions. The following measures will be in place:

- **EPA guards will check badges outside building entrances from late morning to mid-afternoon.**
- **If you expect visitors during this time on March 30, please alert the Security Management Division by sending an email at least 24 hours in advance to OARM-OA-SMD-OB@epa.gov. Include in your message visitors' names, the building they will visit, and their expected time of arrival. Visitors will be initially checked outside.**

Additional security alerts will be sent as needed. If you have questions, please send an email to OARM-OA-SMD-OB@epa.gov.

"Why is EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson wasting precious tax dollars on a large security presence on a 'peaceful demonstration,' asked Dr. Marsha Coleman-Adebayo, an EPA whistleblower. "Americans have the right to protest peacefully for what they believe in and demand as citizens." This expenditure is a waste of taxpayer money that would be better spent on the justice we are asking for and our environmental protection. This demonstrates yet another example of Ms. Jackson's inability to listen to the voices of the people and women in particular, who object to the way she and her leadership are doing business."

"With the public health crisis confronting this country," said Dr. Margaret Flowers, "Ms. Jackson needs to use taxpayer money to make sure we have clean air and water to protect our families and this planet from the corporate takeover, not to protect herself and EPA employees from peaceful demonstrators." Lisa Jackson locked down the agency during the last large protest and demonstration held by Occupy forces.

OccupyEPA will begin their march at noon from Franklin Square Park (13th & I Streets NW), proceed down 12th Street, cross Pennsylvania Avenue, and rally outside the EPA headquarters on 12th Street, under Lisa Jackson's window, at 1:00 pm, Friday, March 30, 2012 (outside the Federal Triangle Metro stop).

Please see Dr. Coleman-Adebayo's recent article on the occupy movement in Black Agenda Report: <http://blackagendareport.com/content/occupy-epa---march-30-launching-american-spring> - See "Call to Action" by Professor Noam Chomsky at: www.occupyEPA.com,

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