

## Beach, Christopher

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**From:** Beach, Christopher  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** White, Elizabeth  
**Subject:** FW: Water remarks today

FYI

**From:** Abboud, Michael  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 2:31 PM  
**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Water remarks today

On background: "Experts from EPA and other organizations like the UN IPCC regularly measure climate change impacts, including the effects of regulation, in multi-decadal time frames, not year-to-year variations. It should be noted that Administrator Wheeler has continued to emphasize the Trump EPA's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 8:32 AM  
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Water remarks today

Great, thanks!

He also made the point that the impacts of climate change are 50 or 60 years out, is that from a specific report?

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**From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie; Press  
**Subject:** RE: Water remarks today

Hey Stephanie, you can find that statistic here: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/water-and-sanitation/>

Also we'll be sending out Wheeler's full remarks at 8:45 this morning.

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**Subject:** Water remarks today

Morning all,

What's the source on the 1,000 children a day stat the adm used on CBS?

I'm writing up something on his remarks today if you have any additional background to share!

Thank you!

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# CBS News Interview

Taped TV Interview with CBS News

Reporter: Major Garrett

Time: 11:00 AM

Length: 10-12 minutes

## About Major Garrett



Major Garrett was named CBS News' chief Washington correspondent in December 2018. As chief Washington correspondent, Garrett reports for all CBS News broadcasts and platforms. Garrett is also the host of "The Takeout," a weekly multi-platform interview show on politics, policy and pop culture available on CBSN, top radio stations across the country, and all podcast platforms.

## TOPICS

- Water Speech
- Green New Deal

## WATER SPEECH

### The Global Water Challenge

- Lack of access to water, sanitation, and hygiene is linked to over 3.4 million deaths every year – and 99% of those deaths occur in the developing world.

### U.S. Global Water Strategy

The U.S. announced the Global Water Strategy in November of 2017, reflecting contributions from more than 17 U.S. government agencies and departments. The Strategy is intended to

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mobilize knowledge, expertise, and resources from across the U.S. to create a more water-secure world.

The goals of U.S. efforts on water are to work with our partner countries and key stakeholders to

(1) increase access to safe drinking water and sanitation, (2) improve water resources management, (3) promote cooperation on shared waters, and (4) strengthen water governance and financing.

### Examples of EPA's Accomplishments under the U.S. Global Water Strategy

#### *Marine Litter*

In 2017, through the Trash Free Waters Program, EPA worked with Panama, Peru, and Jamaica, in collaboration with State Department, Peace Corps, and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) to reduce their land-based sources of trash pollution in waterways.

- Panama stakeholders installed the first ever river trash boom in Panama to control the flow of trash in a highly polluted Panama City river before it reaches the ocean.
- Jamaican stakeholders, with Peace Corps Jamaica and the Sandals Foundation, completed a community survey, now used by Gov't of Jamaica and the UNEP to reduce marine litter.

#### *Drinking Water Laboratory Capacity Building Program in West Africa*

Funded by USAID and implemented by the EPA to improve the capacity to provide safe and clean drinking water in West Africa, by building capacity of labs for sampling, analysis, and quality assurance. With local partners, including the African Water Association (AfWA):

- Completed Ghanaian Quality Assurance Manual for use, benefiting over 550,000 customers; is being used as a model for other laboratories in the region.
- Established a mentoring relationship through AfWA's peer- peer learning system, was developed between Ghana and Nigeria.

#### *Water Infrastructure (here in U.S.)*

- EPA oversees the implementation of the **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)**, which established a federal credit program to accelerate investment in water infrastructure.
- To date, EPA has issued seven loans through the WIFIA program totaling over \$1.8 billion.

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- Combined, these projects will help finance over \$3.8 billion in infrastructure investments while creating over 6,000 jobs.
- This past year, we invited an additional 39 projects across the nation to apply for WIFIA loans that would help finance over \$10 billion in water infrastructure and create up to 183,000 jobs.
- WIFIA could serve as a model for other nations to replicate.

## GREEN NEW DEAL

- The Green New Deal was clearly not ready for primetime when it was first released.
- Air travel is the safest form of transportation ever invented. To move away from it completely, could cause thousands of more deaths.
- Not to mention that high speed rail is a boondoggle. Even CA pulled the plug on their project from LA to San Francisco.
- A stable and reliable electric grid is arguably the greatest public health achievement of all time.
- To try and reconstruct the grid on intermittent energy sources would be dangerous for public health.
- The first thing we do after natural disasters is to get the grid back up and running immediately.
- Without readily available access to fossil fuels, it would take weeks to get the grid back up running.
- From 2005 to 2017, total U.S. energy-related CO2 emissions fell by 14%. In contrast, global energy-related CO2 emissions increased over 20%.
- In October, we released a new report which found that greenhouse gas emissions from major industrial sources decreased by 2.7% during President Trump's first year in office (from 2016 to 2017).
- After increasing by 2.8% in 2018, EIA forecasts that energy-related CO2 emissions will decrease by 1.2% in 2019 and further decrease by 0.8% in 2020
- Under the proposed Affordable Clean Energy Rule, carbon dioxide emissions from the U.S. power sector would continue to decline, with a decrease projected of 34% below 2005 levels.