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### MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Regional Administrator

FROM: Larry Starfield   
Acting Regional Administrator

TO: All EPA Region 6 Employees

I am so pleased to share with you the news that Al Armendariz will be our new regional administrator. President Obama and Administrator Jackson will announce his appointment today.

Al is currently on the faculty at Southern Methodist University and joined them in 2002. He is originally from El Paso and has lived in Dallas, Houston, Albuquerque and New Orleans. Al has been a strong advocate for environmental protection and conservation in Texas. Many of you are familiar with his recent work to address air pollution as well as water quality. You may have heard him on National Public Radio this week discussing air pollution concerns related to Barnett Shale exploration. He has long history of addressing complex environmental and public health challenges in everything from solid waste landfills to community and Tribal priorities.

Regional Administrator Armendariz will join us soon. Shortly after his arrival we will plan an All Hands meeting so everyone will have an opportunity get to know him better.