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**Subject:** GMO briefing materials  
**Date:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 10:23:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [569 FW 1 Integrated Pest Management- 2010.pdf](#)  
[601 FW 3 BIDEH \(2\).pdf](#)  
[2014 0717 Memo RefugeChief to RRChiefs Agricultural Practices in Wildlife Management \(2\).pdf](#)  
[2017 0831 Brief Blackwater NWR ag practices and GMOs.docx](#)  
[2017 0901 Brief re BIDEH ag practices GMOs and NWRs V2.docx](#)

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Good morning, Aurelia-

As requested, attached are briefing materials and attachments on the GMO issue. One briefing paper is on GMO use within the NWRs and the other is specific to Blackwater NWR. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,  
Charisa

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Scott,

I wanted to make sure the Secretary is not surprised when we make the attached letter public tomorrow morning. In it we ask Sec. Zinke to reverse an ill considered policy improperly adopted by the previous Administration. We would be happy to discuss with you or other relevant staff at your convenience.

Many thanks!

Val

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**From:** Val Giddings <sup>(b) (6)</sup>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 5:20 PM  
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**Subject:** please be aware of the attached letter to Sec. Zinke

Dear Thomas,

Many thanks for taking the time to chat briefly with me earlier this afternoon.

As I mentioned, I'd like to give you advance notice of something we expect will happen next week.

I am a Senior Fellow with the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (<https://itif.org/person/val-giddings>). We are a policy based think tank here in Washington. We plan to send the attached letter to Sec. Zinke next Tuesday, and to publicize it through a press release and social media. As this falls within Dep. Assistant Secretary Skipwith's portfolio and stewardship, we wanted to make sure you are not surprised.

Our letter requests Sec. Zinke to vacate an ill-considered policy adopted improperly by the previous administration. Some background can be found here <https://www.innovationfiles.org/gmos-neonicotinoids/>.

We would be happy to discuss this with you, Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith, and any other interested staff. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

L. Val Giddings

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