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Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

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## Or the link to the article directly at: **https://iaitc.co/EPAandag**

Use the article titled: EPA admin addresses concerns from House Ag’s Illinois members.

Questions

1. Name the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator.
2. Name the five members of Congress who represent Illinois on the House Ag Committee and where they are from.
3. What can you determine about the location of the 5 Illinois members and their political affiliation?
4. What challenges are there with electric vehicles in Mike Bost’s area?
5. What is Regan’s stance on solar energy systems on farmland?
6. How important do you think environmental issues are for farmers and those involved in agriculture?

Answers

1. Michael Regan
2. Mike Bost, Murphysboro; Nikki Budzinski, Springfield; Jonathan Jackson, Chicago; Mary Miller, Oakland; Eric Sorensen, East Moline.
3. 3 members are from the Democratic party, 2 are Republicans, and you have diversity of the north (Chicago), south (Murphysboro), central (Springfield), east (Oakland) and west (East Moline) as well as a combination of urban and rural representatives.
4. There are currently only 22 electric vehicle charging stations in the 34 counties he represents in southern Illinois.
5. Regan says he understands the concern of solar farms on production farmland, but says landowners and farmers need to find additional ways to make income. He notes that solar markets are personal, private choices.
6. Answers will vary.