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**Subject:** MECC - KC :: SPEAKER Email on Conference Preparation -- Action Requested (Keynote Session is April 10th, 10:35 am - 11:20 am)

Good Morning Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford; Senior EPA Advisor Ken Wagner; Director Carol S. Comer; Director Jim Macy; and Mr. Tom Jacobs:

Thank you so much for joining us on this important Keynote Panel discussion of, **“Understanding (Embracing) New Directions for Cooperative Federalism”** at the 2018 MECC – KC! [\*Reminder: kickoff program/reception, April 10<sup>th</sup> -- 3:30 – 6 pm, at the Marriott (next door)]

1. I will serve as Moderator and will be in touch with you by email. **\*\*We may have a short call depending on whether or not you see a need.**
2. This group will **NOT** have a PowerPoint presentation. **\*\*My goal is to create a conversation rather than have five separate presentations.**

**Panel Procedure (comments welcome).**

- a. R Walker. Quick Intro.
- b. Each Panel Member has two (2) minutes to provide a framework for a conversation on “Cooperative Federalism.” Essentially, your key takeaway.
- c. Moderated Q & A. (draft questions: please share other potential questions or comment on these)
  - i. What is the biggest challenge to implementing Cooperative Federalism?
  - ii. Is this a Zero-Sum Game? Can both EPA and the States win? Or does one or the other necessarily lose out?
  - iii. How does new technology and data gathering play into Cooperative Federalism?
    1. What role does E-Enterprise have in Cooperative Federalism?
  - iv. Can you identify or provide examples at this point of how Cooperative Federalism is working in Region 7 or elsewhere?
  - v. The ECOS white paper, “Cooperative Federalism 2.0,” identifies “periodic audit system” to take the place of federal intervention in delegate states.
    1. How would the audit system work in practice?
  - vi. IF States or Local Governments are expected to play a greater role, how will this be funded? Especially if the Trump Administration reduces overall funding to EPA?
  - vii. What would you say to those who say “Cooperative Federalism” can lead to a “Race to the Bottom” if we don’t have Federal oversight?
  - viii. Any comment on private dynamics outside of government that is changing the how we view environmental compliance and the regulatory process?
- d. Q & A from the audience.

Here is the description in the Agenda: (welcome input)

Day One - April 11

10:35 – 11:20 am

**Understanding (Embracing) New Directions for Cooperative Federalism Latest developments in Cooperative Federalism.**

**What it means for regulated facilities, local government, state agencies, and US EPA Regions. Nexus with e-Enterprise. And other developments.**

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JIM MACY, Director, Nebraska DEQ

TOM JACOBS, Environmental Program Director, MARC

CAROL S. COMER, Director, Missouri DNR

ROGER WALKER, REGFORM (Moderator)

Many thanks! We know how busy you are and we appreciate your participation.

Roger Walker

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