

United States Senate

August 4, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

I write to request an update on the status of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Methods Update Rule under the Clean Water Act.

The Methods Update Rule was signed by the previous EPA Administrator in December 2016 and it makes a number of important revisions to analytical procedures for wastewater and other environmental sampling that will provide regulatory clarity and increased flexibility for municipalities and industry. My office has been contacted by business leaders in New Hampshire that are seeking clarity on the status of the Methods Update Rule and are supportive of the revisions and the cost-savings associated with the changes.

Ensuring that all Granite Staters and Americans have access to clean water is essential to public health, to the safety of our communities, and to the overall well-being of our state. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator