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Honorable David Ross
Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ross:

The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) has a long standing partnership with the Office of Water to encourage nutrient stewardship with a goal of improving water quality. We applaud your efforts for prioritizing water quality improvements with a common sense approach to nutrient management. As you are aware, TFI has created such a program, The 4R Nutrient Stewardship Program.

TFI invites you to address the association's Environmental, Health, Safety, and Security Committee on April 10, 2018 in Washington, DC at our office. The venue would offer an opportunity for you to have a personal conversation with members who are routinely engaged in the complexities of nutrient management at the state and local level. The group would welcome the opportunity to explore your priorities for 15-30 minutes when your schedule permits that day between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

TFI represents fertilizer manufacturers, transporters, wholesaler, brokers and retailers, all of whom are impacted by the policies, programs and regulations of your office. TFI's members provide nutrients that are responsible for nearly half of a crop's yield, helping to ensure a stable and reliable food supply. The fertilizer industry supports nearly 500,000 American jobs and has an economic impact of over \$155 billion annually.

We would be delighted if you were able to join us in April. Please let me know what additional information you may need regarding this upcoming event. I may be reached at ethomas@tfi.org or Ex. 6
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ed Thomas
Director, Regulatory Affairs