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Sen. [Susan Collins](#) told reporters today she's "leaning against" backing Michael Dourson's nomination to run EPA's chemicals office, which would leave him without adequate support for confirmation in the closely divided chamber.

"I have a lot of concerns about Mr. Dourson, but I've not yet made a final decision," she said.

North Carolina Republican Sens. [Richard Burr](#) and [Thom Tillis](#) both came out in opposition on Wednesday to Dourson, who is currently working as an adviser at the agency. Both declined to say if he should leave that role today.

Sen. [John McCain](#) (R-Ariz.) also said today he had not decided whether to support the nomination.

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