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Mr. Todd Parfitt
President, Environmental Council of the States
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Dear Director Parfitt:

I am pleased to invite you and the other Environmental Council of the States' officers, as well as the ECOS Executive Director, to participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's FY 2020 engagement meetings with state, tribal, local, and other leaders, which will take place on July 18, 2018, at the EPA's headquarters in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the EPA's Senior Leadership Council meeting. These meetings will be a key component of the agency's FY 2020 planning and budgeting process.

In the morning, we invite the ECOS officers to participate in a meeting with Deputy Administrator Andrew Wheeler, Chief of Operations Henry Darwin, and myself. We are interested in hearing about state priorities and how we can work better together to carry out our shared responsibilities for protecting human health and the environment, including achieving the priorities in the *FY 2018-FY 2022 EPA Strategic Plan*. The attached agenda includes discussion questions to assist you in preparing for the meeting.

In the afternoon session with the EPA's SLC, we will expand our conversation to include the executive leadership of the National Tribal Caucus, the Local Government Advisory Committee, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials. We will focus on strategies for achieving results in selected priority areas guided by discussion questions included in the attached agenda. Acknowledging the time constraints of the session, we encourage you to designate a spokesperson for each topic.

I look forward to engaging with you, the other ECOS officers, and the Executive Director in these meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy O'Brien, Director, Office of Planning, Analysis, and Accountability, at obrien.kathy@epa.gov or (202) 564-1167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly W. Greaves".

Holly W. Greaves
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosure

cc: Andrew Wheeler, Deputy Administrator
Henry Darwin, Chief of Operations
Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
Becky Keogh, ECOS Vice President
Jim Macy, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer
John Linc Stine, ECOS Past President
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David Bloom, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, OCFO

ECOS Officers Meeting with the EPA Deputy Administrator
July 18, 2018 (10:30 am– 12:00 pm)
WJC North Alm Room (3rd Floor)

Purpose: Hear about state priorities and how we can work better together to carry out our shared responsibilities for protecting human health and the environment, including achieving the priorities in the *FY 2018- FY 2022 EPA Strategic Plan*.

Outcome: EPA senior leadership will gain a better understanding of ECOS priority areas and will consider them in continuing to implement the *FY 2018- FY 2022 EPA Strategic Plan*.

Key Attendees:

- **EPA:** Deputy Administrator, Chief of Operations, Chief Financial Officer
- **ECOS Officers:** President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Past President, Executive Director

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:30-10:35	Introductions & Opening Remarks	Andrew Wheeler, Deputy Administrator
10:35 – 11:55	<p>ECOS Opening Statement and Discussion</p> <p><u>Discussion questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looking out over the next 4 years, what are your 3 or 4 top priorities for how EPA and states can better work together to advance priorities in the <i>FY 2018- FY 2022 EPA Strategic Plan</i>? 2. What can we do to improve our engagement with states? What process can we use to develop state-specific strategies for achieving our priorities? 3. Are there non-dollar resources EPA can provide to support states taking more responsibility in delegated programs (e.g., access to labs, technical assistance, training)? 4. Do you see any areas where EPA could work smarter—more efficiently or more effectively—with states to make our limited dollars go further? 	<p>ECOS Leadership</p> <p>Discussion facilitated by Henry Darwin, Chief of Operations</p>
11:55 – 12:00	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	Andrew Wheeler, Deputy Administrator

**Senior Leadership Council Engagement Meeting
with States, Tribes, Local, And Other Leaders
July 18, 2018 (1:00 pm – 4:25 pm)
EPA East 1153**

Purpose: Identify strategies for how EPA can change the way we work with state, tribal, local, and other partners to further improve cooperative federalism and shared governance in implementing the *FY 2018- FY 2022 EPA Strategic Plan*.

Outcome: EPA senior leadership will gain a better understanding of state, tribal, local, and other partner priority areas and will consider them in continuing to implement the *FY 2018- FY 2022 EPA Strategic Plan*.

Attendees:

- **EPA:** Deputy Administrator, Chief of Operations, Assistant Administrators, Deputy Assistant Administrators, Regional Administrators, Deputy Regional Administrators
- **Environmental Council of the States:** President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Past President, Executive Director
- **National Tribal Caucus Executive Committee:** Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
- **National Association of State Departments of Agriculture:** President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, At-Large, Western Region
- **Local Government Advisory Committee:** Chair, Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee Vice Chairman, 2 LGAC Members
- **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials:** President, Environmental Health Policy Committee Chair

Time	Topic	Speaker
1:00 – 1:15	Introductions & Opening Remarks	Scott Pruitt, Administrator
1:15 – 1:20	<p>Meeting Purpose: Identify strategies for how EPA can work better together with state, tribal and local partners to strengthen cooperative federalism and shared governance in achieving results in key priority areas.</p> <p>Approach: Discussion leads will introduce the topic and discussion questions.</p>	Henry Darwin, Chief of Operations
1:20 – 2:00	<p>Permitting Topic Introduction: Henry Darwin, EPA Chief of Operations <u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What strategies can we employ to address permitting process improvement opportunities? 2. How can we better articulate shared goals and opportunities for permitting process improvement in the FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances? 	EPA, State, Tribal, Local & Other Leaders

2:00 – 2:40	<p>Lead Topic Introduction: Hayley Hughes, National Lead Coordinator</p> <p><u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are best practices or what is currently working to reduce and/or prevent lead exposures in your community? 2. What recommendations do you have for building capacity, increasing public engagement, and fostering communication opportunities? 	
2:40 – 2:55	Break	
2:55 – 3:35	<p>Superfund Topic Introduction: Steve Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Office of Land and Emergency Management</p> <p><u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considering the work of the Superfund Task Force over the last year, what positive changes have you seen and what disappointments do you have? What suggestions do you have for EPA going forward as we complete implementing the Task Force recommendations? 2. Some sites have remedies installed 10+ years ago and include institutional controls (ICs) as part of the long-term remedy. How do we work together and with the local community on the following issues? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensuring ICs are effective over the long term b. Addressing new (emerging) contaminants from these mature sites c. Communicate/discuss risks to newcomers to the community 	
3:35 – 4:15	<p>Non-Attainment Areas Topic Introduction: Bill Wehrum, Assistant Administrator for Office of Air and Radiation</p> <p><u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EPA recognizes that states have primary responsibility for air pollution prevention and control. How can EPA best support states in preparing attainment plans and requests to redesignate areas from nonattainment? Are there tools, guidance, and technical assistance that will be critical to achieving clean air and to address interstate and international pollution? 2. As EPA looks at reforms to the way it sets and implements National Ambient Air Quality Standards, are there new flexibilities consistent with the Clean Air Act that would be particularly useful for you as a co-regulator and would achieve meaningful environmental protection? Are there resources or opportunities to engage state, local, and tribal co-regulators earlier in the process? 	
4:15 – 4:25	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	Andrew Wheeler, Deputy Administrator

