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Subject: August 24th State Secretaries' Meeting - Request for Scientific Concerns and Issues before August 9th

Good day Colleagues

Dr. Richard Yamada, EPA's Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research & Development will be attending our August 24, 2017 meeting. The purpose of the session with Dr. Yamada is to explore potential collaborations between the States and the Agency. During this session we will discuss scientific issues/concerns that are relevant to States, EPA, and science matters unique to Region 3.

It is clear that emerging contaminants such as PFOA/PFAS, nutrients, and lead are major issues of national concern. As State agencies working on the front lines of protecting public health and the environment, I am reaching out to you to help expand this list to shape the conversation with Dr. Yamada by sharing with me the top concerns and scientific issues your State is grappling with. By providing insights on the environmental problems you face we can best translate EPA and ORD science into well informed decision tools for States and communities.

To have ample time to prepare I am hoping to have feedback before August 9, if possible. Please copy Regina Poeske, acting Regional Science Liaison (Poeske.regina@epa.gov) and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to let her know.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you.

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