

Collaboration Discussion:
U.S. EPA and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

June 13, 2018
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm
Draft Agenda

Objectives:

- Establish a positive dialogue with Chamber members
- Explore collaboration around proactive and constructive shared, strategic priorities

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- Welcome and introduction
- Shared priorities discussion
 - What is U.S. EPA working on where the Chamber can assist?
- Low hanging/early wins:
 - Mobilizing private capital on modernizing water infrastructure
 - Convening the investment and water communities
 - Collaborating on key water system development issues including utility governance, expanding the network of WIFIA participants, and other financing and technical solutions
 - Engaging local Chambers to develop a pipeline of bankable projects
 - Aligning funding and capacity solutions for rural communities (working with USDA, RCAP, local Chambers and others) and the role of the private sector
 - Promoting the export of U.S. water technologies products and services
 - Catalyzing technology innovation in the water-energy nexus, including the testbed network concept
 - Developing flexible sustainable solutions working with communities and utilities -- permit streamlining, CCR, conduit theory, effluent guidelines, nutrients, PFOS/PFOA, WOTUS, etc.
 - Capacity building/workforce development – technical and skills issues for water operators and other technical and trade professions
- Next steps

Participants:

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