



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Thank you for your recent correspondence. It is an honor and privilege to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is one of government's lifeblood priorities, and the EPA is vital to that mission. I look forward to working with the agency's dedicated employees, stakeholders and our state partners on a shared vision to protect our environment for future generations.

We as an agency will always strive to strike a balance between protecting our water, air and natural resources and building our economy. We do not have to choose between them. Our nation has a stellar history of protecting our natural resources and our environment while also respecting economic growth and jobs, and we will continue to do that.

On March 28, 2017, President Trump issued the American Energy Independence Executive Order laying out a new policy vision for responsible use of our vast energy resources to expand the economy and promote American jobs. As part of the new EO, the president directed the EPA to review the Clean Power Plan. That same day, I signed a *Federal Register* notice formally beginning the process to review the CPP, which is currently underway.

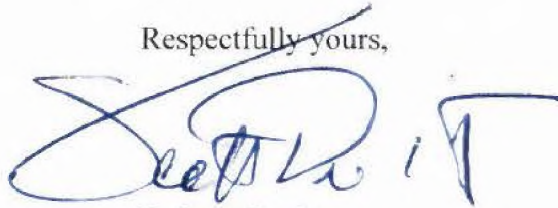
I am not only committed to following through with the president's new energy independence directives, but I am committed to ensuring the rules that come from this agency align with the concept of cooperative federalism established under the Clean Air Act. Achieving environmental goals is a shared objective between the federal government and the states. I intend to rebuild trust among the states and work closely with local officials to develop meaningful regulations that result in tangible benefits for the environment and public health.

Among my top priorities are improving America's water infrastructure and focusing on the EPA's core mission of protecting our nation's air, water and land. We need to shape the work of the EPA by setting national standards and finding neighborhood solutions. We will also strive for regulatory certainty so regulated industries will know exactly what is expected of them.

I am a firm believer in the EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment and look forward to the opportunity to help provide future generations with a better and healthier environment. I hope you will follow our efforts by visiting www.epa.gov to learn more about the EPA's work and what you can do to help us achieve solid results.

On behalf of everyone at the EPA, I thank you for your interest in our work and your support for protecting the environment.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Pruitt", with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

E. Scott Pruitt