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EPA Appoints Doug Benevento As Region 8 Administrator

WASHINGTON (October 5, 2017) –Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the appointment of Doug Benevento of Colorado to become regional administrator for Region 8. Mr. Benevento will oversee environmental protection efforts in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana.

Doug Benevento has spent much of his career working to help protect the environment. As executive director for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, he managed the state's environmental and public health programs. He previously served as the Department's director of environmental programs, where he managed the state's air, water, waste, and consumer protection programs. Since 2010, Mr. Benevento has been working on energy and environmental issues in the private sector at Xcel Energy.

"Doug Benevento's personal connection to the Rocky Mountain state and experience working with environmental leaders across the region will greatly benefit the Agency's mission in protecting the environment in Region 8," **said Administrator Pruitt.**

His nomination is receiving high accolades from across the region:

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner: "Doug Benevento is a great choice to serve as EPA Region 8 Administrator and has the requisite experience as the former Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. I look forward to working with Doug to make the communities whole in Southwest Colorado that were impacted by the EPA-born Gold King Mine spill, ensuring the expeditious cleanup of Colorado's Superfund sites remain a top priority for the EPA, and protecting Colorado's environment across all four corners of the state."

Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper: "Doug Benevento has an extensive background working on important environmental issues in the State of Colorado. He provided leadership at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment under former Governor Bill Owens and as a staffer to former Senator Wayne Allard. I look forward to working with Doug and the rest of EPA to improve the health of Coloradans and protect the natural resources we treasure as we live, work, and play in this beautiful state."

U.S. Congressman Mike Coffman: "I first met Doug Benevento when he worked for Governor Bill Owens and I've been inspired by his dedication to his community and the State of Colorado ever since. I know that he will do an outstanding job for EPA."

U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton: "I'm pleased with Doug Benevento's appointment as Region VIII EPA administrator. His record of service to the State of Colorado is distinguished, both as the former executive director of CDPHE and on the staff of Senator Wayne Allard. More importantly, he understands western issues and will bring that important perspective to the position, both in the Region and in Washington, D.C.; I applaud the appointment."

U.S. Congressman Ken Buck: "I'm excited to see Doug Benevento appointed as EPA Region VIII administrator. Doug's experience and faithfulness to the law and Constitution will benefit EPA and the people he serves. I'm eager to work him to better steward Colorado's land and resources."

Colorado Attorney General Cynthia Coffman: "Doug Benevento was a valued colleague and leader at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He brings to EPA's Region 8 a public health perspective that is important to all Westerners who care about protecting natural resources and the environment."

Former U.S. Senator Wayne Allard: "Doug Benevento is an excellent choice for Region VIII EPA Administrator. During my years in Congress I valued Doug's sound and thoughtful guidance on environmental issues. He was particularly helpful to me as we worked towards an early cleanup and closure of Rocky Flats. I was also impressed with his leadership at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment during the Owens Administration. I'm confident that in this role he will bring a broad base of knowledge and experience of western issues to EPA."

Former Colorado Governor Bill Owens: "Administrator Pruitt made a sound choice in choosing Doug Benevento to lead EPA Region VIII. During my two terms as Governor he served my administration well at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He provided effective leadership at a large organization while implementing the policy direction of my administration. More importantly, I've also known Doug as a friend for over 20 years; and EPA is also getting a fine person as well as an effective leader."

Alan Matheson, Utah Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director: "I'm optimistic that Doug Benevento's experience will serve him well in building the collaborative state-EPA partnership needed to protect public health and the environment. Having run Colorado's health and environment agency, Mr. Benevento appreciates the state interest in meeting environmental standards in ways that reflect local conditions, economies, and values. I'm also encouraged that his experience in industry has fostered a practical approach to ensuring environmental compliance."

James Martin, former Region 8 Administrator: "Doug Benevento is a sound choice to lead EPA Region VIII. As a former regional administrator, I understand the challenges of the position and Doug is well suited to take on those challenges. Over the almost 20 years I've known Doug he's brought a thoughtful approach to environmental policy and regulation. This was evidenced during his tenure at CDPHE in the Owens administration. I'm confident he will provide strong and effective leadership at EPA."

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EPA Announces Appointment of Cosmo Servidio to Region 3 Administrator

WASHINGTON (October 4, 2017) –Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the appointment of Cosmo Servidio of Pennsylvania to become regional administrator for Region 3. Mr. Servidio will oversee environmental protection efforts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Cosmo Servidio currently holds the position of director of environmental affairs for the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority in Pennsylvania where he plays a vital leadership role in one of the state's largest water and wastewater utilities. Mr. Servidio oversees operations and facility planning to help identify needed improvements to maintain essential water and wastewater services and provides oversight to ensure utilities comply with all state and federal requirements. Prior to joining Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority, Mr. Servidio served as regional director for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the Southern Region, where he worked to ensure staff implemented the Department's priorities to improve air quality, waste management, radiation protection, remediation, conservation, safe drinking water, dam safety, and clean water programs.

Mr. Servidio also served as the chief of staff for EPA's Region 2 headquarters from 2005-2009, where he helped administer federal programs in implementing the Agency's mission in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

"Cosmo Servidio has spent much of his career providing administrative support for institutions that provide healthy environmental outcomes for the public," **said Administrator Pruitt**. "He brings federal, state, and local administrative experience working in the environmental field and will provide exceptional leadership for Region 3."

Cosmo Servidio's appointment is receiving support from across the region:

Douglas Bilheimer, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association: "We are very pleased to learn that Cosmo Servidio has been appointed to serve as director of EPA Region 3. Mr. Servidio's background at Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection and most recently with one of our largest most progressive municipal authorities will serve him well in his new responsibilities."

Austin Caperton, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection: "I was very encouraged by my first meeting by phone with Cosmo Servidio. He is obviously experienced and qualified for the position. It was clear that he believes in cooperative federalism and the rights of states. He is clearly in line with the current administration. But most important to me: he listened!"

Ben Grumbles, Maryland Secretary of the Environment: "Cosmo is a seasoned environmental

professional who knows how to build partnerships for progress throughout our region."

Debra McCarty, Commissioner of the Philadelphia Water Department: "Cosmo Servidio is an excellent appointment. He was good to work with at the PA DEP and will bring pragmatism, experience and commonsense to the EPA. I look forward to again working him in this new role to protect the environment."

Maya K. van Rossum, Delaware Riverkeeper: "Cosmo Servidio is the best choice for Regional Administrator. He is highly regarded by throughout the environmental community. This respect has been earned by the fair minded and forthright decisions and actions taken by Cosmo to implement the law and achieve the goals of community and environmental protection. Even if there was a decision Cosmo made in his role as regional director at PADEP that I didn't like or agree with, I always knew it was a decision grounded in the facts, the law and one that Cosmo truly believed was the right outcome. I might not always like the answers Cosmo gave me as a regulator, but I always knew I could trust that he was telling me the truth. That kind of integrity from a Regional Administrator is critical for success, particularly in today's political climate."

Wilmer Stoneman, Director of Commodities and Marketing, Virginia Farm Bureau: "Virginia Farm Bureau certainly welcomes this opportunity to work with Mr. Servidio to balance the needs of Virginia Farmers and the Chesapeake Bay."

Jeff Warmann, CEO and President, Monroe Energy LLC: "Cosmo's leadership is unparalleled. He has a keen ability to bring regulators and business together, ensuring that they communicate effectively and that their shared goals of protecting the environment are achieved. Cosmo and his team were readily available to answer any questions we had or to provide guidance when needed. I want to congratulate Cosmo on his appointment to Region Three Administrator; I know that he will do a tremendous job."

Rob Wonderling, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia: "On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia we applaud the recent appointment of Cosmo Servidio as the Region III EPA Administrator. Cosmo has served our region well as a public servant and business leader who keenly understands that environmental stewardship and economic growth require consensus, collaboration, and a modern approach to policy and regulation. Cosmo has a proven track record of being a highly energetic leader and innovative leader who actively listens to all sides and perspectives related to complex environmental issues. He also has a keen eye on global trends, solid science, and macroeconomic opportunities that will serve our region and nation well in this new assignment."

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EPA Launches Smart Sectors Program
A Program to Engage American Businesses to Achieve Better Environmental Outcomes

WASHINGTON (October 3, 2017) — Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the launch of Smart Sectors, a partnership program between the Agency and regulated sectors focused on achieving better environmental outcomes. A sector-based, collaborative approach provides a significant opportunity for EPA to consider more forward-thinking ways to protect the environment.

“When we consider American business as a partner, as opposed to an adversary, we can achieve better environmental outcomes,” said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. “The Smart Sectors program is designed to effectively engage business partners throughout the regulatory process. The previous administration created a narrative that you can’t be pro-business and pro-environment. This program is one of the many ways we can address that false choice and work together to protect the environment. When industries and regulators better understand each other, the economy, public, and the environment all benefit.”

A sector-based approach can provide benefits, such as: increased long-term certainty and predictability, creative solutions based on sound data; and, more sensible policies to improve environmental protection. Program leads for each sector will serve as ombudsmen within the Agency across program and regional offices. Staff will also: conduct educational site tours, host roundtables with EPA leadership, analyze data and advise about options for environmental improvement; maintain open dialogue with business partners and their environmental committees; and, develop reports that profile the impact of each sector on the environment and the economy.

Smart Sectors aims to facilitate better communication and streamline operations internally at EPA. The program is located in the Office of Policy’s Immediate Office, which enables the sector leads to work across EPA’s land, water, air, and chemical program offices, as well as with environmental justice, enforcement and compliance assistance, and other offices, including EPA regional offices.

View Smart Sectors Federal Register Notice [here](#).

EPA’s Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy, Samantha Dravis; and EPA’s Chief of Operations, Henry Darwin, announced the launch at EPA Headquarters on Tuesday, October 3rd, and were joined by representatives from across the American economy, including: Aerospace, Agriculture, Automotive, Cement and Concrete, Chemical Manufacturing, Construction, Electronics and Technology, Forestry and Wood Products, Iron and Steel, Mining, Oil and Gas, Ports and Marine, and Utilities and Power Generation.

“The auto industry is living through what may be its most dynamic moment in history,” said **Mitch Bainwol, president and CEO of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers**. “Our technology is transforming the driving experience and mobility models, offering more fuel efficient and safer

transportation for all. We are breaking ground on new plants and expanding existing plants to build the most innovative vehicles in the world. And as we innovate and produce, we are a vital – if not the vital - catalyst for the American economy, providing millions of jobs from coast to coast – building, selling and servicing the vehicles that animate our economy. The Smart Sectors Program benefits us all by providing an open and transparent dialogue on policy that is predicated on solid facts and meaningful data. Protecting the environment while supporting economic growth – these twin goals are paramount, mutually supportive, and enabled by thoughtful collaboration between government and business.”

“The Smart Sectors Program shows it’s a new day at EPA—and that’s good news for the environment and the economy,” said **Michael D. Bellaman, president and CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors**. “The nation’s construction industry welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with regulators to ensure that environmental protection is streamlined and cost effective. That’s the way government can help industry be more productive, create more jobs and grow the economy.”

“The real estate industry’s leaders are committed to sustainable building management and construction practices that tie directly to their business mission,” said **Jeffrey D. DeBoer, president and CEO of The Real Estate Roundtable**. “We look forward to participating in EPA’s Smart Sectors Program to share our industry’s perspectives on how responsible, measurable environmental stewardship can help create jobs, strengthen our economy, spur innovation, and enhance lasting value for our communities.”

“Modern agriculture is environmentally sustainable,” said **Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation president**. “From satellite technology and data management to the use of cover crops, farmers and ranchers continue to adopt innovations that are effective in helping them grow more food with fewer resources. That’s good for the environment and good for business. EPA’s Smart Sectors Program provides a framework of welcome collaboration that embraces continued innovation aligned with our commitment to continuous improvement.”

“Manufacturers are committed to protecting the environment and the communities we serve, and we appreciate the efforts of Administrator Pruitt to work with us to jointly address current and future environmental challenges,” said **Ross Eisenberg, vice president of energy and resources policy at the National Association of Manufacturers**. “Smarter, modernized regulations are an essential ingredient in supporting manufacturing job growth here in America, so we are excited that the EPA is ringing in this year’s Manufacturing Day—when we focus on building the next generation of modern manufacturing workers—with a new EPA Smart Sectors Program. This will hopefully yield better, smarter regulations that achieve their environmental goals while empowering manufacturers to be more competitive and create more well-paying jobs in America.”

“We are very pleased that the steel industry can be a part of the Smart Sectors Program, and appreciate the work of Administrator Pruitt and his team to partner with industry to develop a more sensible regulatory framework that better protects human health and the environment,” said **Thomas J. Gibson, president and CEO of American Iron and Steel Institute**.

“The American Wood Council supports a smarter, more sensible and cost-effective regulatory process, such as the approach taken by EPA’s Smart Sectors Program,” said **Robert Glowinski, president and CEO of the American Wood Council**. “AWC represents more than 75 percent of the North American wood products industry, which provides approximately 400,000 men and women with family-wage jobs in the United States. AWC members make wood products that are essential to everyday life from a renewable resource that absorbs and sequesters carbon.”

“The oil and natural gas industry is a major economic engine supporting 10.3 million jobs, is leading

the world in the production and refining of oil and natural gas, and is a world leader in reducing carbon emissions from energy use which today are near 25-year lows," said **Kyle Isakower, American Petroleum Institute vice president for regulatory and economic policy**. "We welcome this new partnership and look forward to working with the Agency on this program to ensure that industry is doing all it can to protect the environment and support economic growth."

"We're grateful Administrator Pruitt invited the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) to participate in this Smart Sectors Program," said **Brian Jennings, ACE executive vice president**. "The biofuels industry is essential to growing the rural economy and protecting the environment."

"America's cement manufacturers have a strong track record of finding creative ways to reduce their environmental footprint while producing the high-quality material our economy needs for building everything from homes to highways and hospitals," said **Todd Johnston, Portland Cement Association executive vice president**. "We look forward to working with EPA and the Administration to protect health and the environment while reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens that undermine economic growth."

"Community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities exist to safely provide reliable, low-cost electricity to more than 49 million Americans, while protecting the environment," said **Sue Kelly, American Public Power Association president and CEO**. "We very much appreciate the EPA's invitation to participate in the Smart Sectors Program, and look forward to a productive dialogue."

"The paper and wood products industry faces enormous challenges from costly, complex and vast amounts of regulations that hurt our ability to contribute to economic growth and job creation," said **Mark Kowlzan, chairman and CEO, Packaging Corporation of America and immediate past chairman of the American Forest & Paper Association Board of Directors**. "We're pleased to participate in the Smart Sectors Program to achieve common-sense regulatory approaches that protect the environment and allow industry to compete at home and around the globe."

"We are thrilled to be part of the EPA's launch of its Smart Sectors Program and are proud to represent an industry that's always first in line when it comes to partnering with EPA to improve its processes and benefits," said **John McKnight, senior vice president of government relations for the National Marine Manufacturers Association**. "The recreational boating industry is unique in that while the EPA, the State of California, and many international environmental government agencies place stringent environmental requirements on our products, our customers—the 142 million Americans who went boating last year—also demand and expect clean water and a healthy environment in which to fish, swim, and enjoy watersports. As a treasured American pastime with 95 percent of the boats sold in the U.S., made in the U.S., an estimated 35,000 marine-related businesses, which provide approximately 650,000 jobs, and an estimated \$121 billion in economic impact, the recreational boating industry is one of our country's driving economic engines that is eager to continue meaningful collaboration with the EPA."

"Seaports are vital economic engines and create American jobs," said **Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities president and CEO**. "Seaport cargo activity accounts for over a quarter of the U.S. economy, supports the employment of more than 23 million people in the United States, and generates over \$320 billion in tax revenue annually. AAPA is excited to partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Smart Sectors Program. Improved communication between industry and EPA can streamline processes for all parties, achieving better environmental results and clearer goals and outcomes. The U.S. port industry looks forward to being part of an ongoing dialogue with EPA that furthers ports' commitment to their roles as stewards of coastal resources."

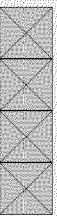
"We welcome the opportunity to explain how long-term, capital-intensive operations like ours – which

"Croplife America is excited to collaborate with EPA and other stakeholders to ensure agriculture-related regulations allow the U.S. food system to advance as well as feed the rising population," said **Jay Vroom, president and CEO of Croplife America**. "Additionally, we believe that through the Smart Sectors Program and developing productive relationships with the Agency and industry partners, we can successfully create the best approach to supporting both economic growth and advance innovation in agriculture, while protecting the environment."

"ACC appreciates Administrator Pruitt's actions to foster a more productive relationship between our industry and the Agency through the Smart Sectors Program, which will help support economic growth in ways that protect our environment," said **Michael Walls, vice president of regulatory and technical affairs for the American Chemistry Council**. "This program is an opportunity to have a more open and constructive dialogue about how the chemistry industry can continue to fuel the economy through innovation while working with EPA to make American businesses, homes and consumer products more efficient, environmentally friendly and sustainable."

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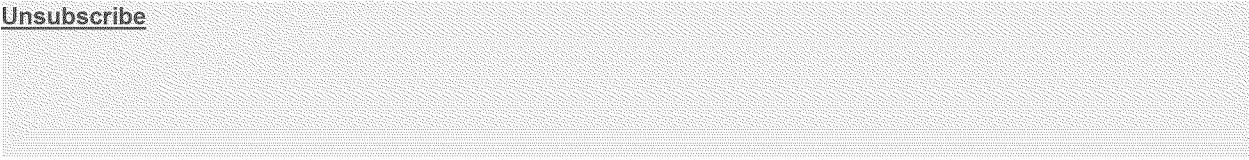
require regulatory predictability – can be carefully aligned with important Agency objectives for ensuring health and environmental protection,” said **Hal Quinn, president and CEO of the National Mining Association**. “Regulatory policies will be more effective when they are informed by actual conditions in regulated sectors.”

“Forest Resources Association serves the whole supply chain from the woods to the mill,” said **Ryan Rhodes, director of public relations and government affairs**. “The forest products supply chain supports 2.4 million jobs and is dedicated to the sustainability of forest land through conservation and best practices. We look forward to working together to promote a smarter regulatory outcome, which promotes both jobs and environmental stewardship.”

“Finding a way to combine a deep knowledge of how to protect the environment with an understanding of how construction firms operate is the most effective way to craft programs and policies that deliver significant environmental protections to commercial construction sites,” said **Stephen E. Sandherr, the chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America**. “The Administrator clearly understands that firms will be able to do more to protect the environment if the regulations they must follow are crafted with an understanding of how employers operate.”

“The Smart Sectors Program holds great promise to enable the technology industry to drive environmental protection and economic growth,” said **Gary Shapiro, Consumer Technology Association president and CEO**. “Improved dialogue and collaboration between industry and the EPA at the earliest stages will ideally lead to fewer onerous rules that handcuff innovation and job creation. Working together, we can unleash our nation’s tech sector to help improve environmental performance and increase sustainability across multiple industries.”

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EPA Announces Appointment of Pete Lopez to Region 2 Administrator

WASHINGTON (September 28, 2017) –Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the appointment of Pete Lopez of New York to become Regional Administrator for Region 2. Mr. Lopez will oversee environmental protection efforts in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Pete Lopez has served as a member of the New York State Assembly since 2007 representing a seven county region including Mid-Hudson, Northern Catskills, Southern Tier, and Capital District. Mr. Lopez is currently a member on the New York Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation and a member of the Task Force on Food, Farm and Nutrition Policy where he has worked to provide proper oversight of New York's health and environment. While serving as a state legislator, Mr. Lopez has worked tirelessly to collaborate in developing and passing the state budget and promoting growth and opportunity for New Yorkers.

"Pete Lopez has spent nearly a decade in one of the country's largest state legislatures working to improve the quality of life of his constituents," **said Administrator Pruitt**. "His familiarity with the region and his experience working to solve environmental problems in New York will be invaluable in helping EPA serve Americans in the Northeast and the Caribbean."

His nomination is receiving high accolades from across the region:

Ladan Alomar, Executive Director of Centro Civico: "Pete Lopez, for more than two decades, has made substantial contributions to improving lives of families in our region; we applaud him for his unconditional commitment to communities that he serves and congratulate him for his appointment to become EPA Regional Administrator."

John Bartow, Executive Director of the Empire State Forest Products Association: "Pete Lopez has been a strong supporter of New York's forests and the forest products industry for several decades. He brings a broad understanding of the importance of sustainably managing natural resources while also meeting the needs of communities and local economies based on those resources. Pete will be a great asset to EPA and its responsibilities in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands."

Peter A. Baynes, Executive Director of the New York State Conference of Mayors: "In his time as a local official and then as a State Assemblyman, Pete Lopez has been widely recognized as a true public servant: hard-working, responsive, and a problem solver. NYCOM is pleased to know that Pete will now have the opportunity to demonstrate that same dedication in his new capacity with the EPA, working collaboratively with city and village officials to protect the environment and enhance the quality-of-life in our communities."

Mike Elmendorf, President & CEO of the Associated General Contractors of New York State: "We congratulate Administrator Pruitt on his appointment of Assemblyman Pete Lopez as EPA

Regional Administrator for Region 2. Pete Lopez is a proven leader and public servant, and we are confident that he will effectively balance responsible stewardship of our environmental resources with economic development, timely decision making and the need for streamlining our regulatory and permitting processes. We look forward to working with Assemblyman Lopez in his new role.”

Gavin Donohue, President and CEO of the Independent Power Producers of New York: “In Pete’s time with the Assembly, he took a balanced approach to energy and environmental policy. In the days after Hurricane Sandy, he had a pulse for what his local community needed and made sure those needs were met responsibly from an environmental standpoint. He will be a credit to the EPA, and independent power producers look forward to working with him.”

David Fisher, New York Farm Bureau President: “New York Farm Bureau has had a long, positive working relationship with Pete Lopez. He understands the needs of the agricultural community and the important role farmers play in environmental stewardship. We look forward to working with him in his new position as Regional EPA Director. Together, we can successfully safeguard our natural resources while balancing the economic and regulatory challenges that farmers face.”

Gerry Geist, Executive Director of Association of Towns of the State of New York: “As a former town supervisor and dedicated public servant, Assemblyman Pete Lopez has consistently found a way to help people by tackling difficult issues and looking for innovative solutions. We look forward to working with Mr. Lopez in his new role as EPA Region II Administrator to help town officials fund and maintain local water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure.”

Bob Martin, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner: “Congratulations to New York Assemblyman Pete Lopez on being named EPA Region 2 Regional Administrator. Assemblyman Lopez has an impressive background in public service and I congratulate Administrator Pruitt on naming someone with the Assemblyman’s record of accomplishment and leadership to this important post. I have had the chance to talk with Assemblyman Lopez and found that he has a strong commitment to protecting the environment, and especially, to working closely with the states and territories within his region. I am looking forward to working with him and the staff of dedicated professionals in EPA Region 2 as we continue to pursue our shared mission of protecting New Jersey’s environment.”

Anne Reynolds, Executive Director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York: “We congratulate Assemblyman Pete Lopez on this important U.S. EPA appointment. New York has a long-standing and bipartisan tradition of environmental and clean energy leadership, and as a New Yorker, Assemblyman Lopez has experienced first-hand the impacts of severe storms and climate change. We look forward to working with Mr. Lopez as he continues this tradition, uses his well-respected skills at facilitation and problem-solving, and works to protect the air, water, and land of EPA Region 2.”

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