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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Steven Reviczky  
President, National Association of State  
Departments of Agriculture  
4350 Fairfax Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Dear Commissioner Reviczky:

I am pleased to invite you and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture officers to participate in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's FY 2020 engagement meeting 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. This meeting will be a key component of the agency's FY 2020 planning and budgeting process.

In addition to the NASDA, our conversation will include the executive leadership of the National Tribal Caucus, the Environmental Council of the States, the Local Government Advisory Committee, 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 the NASDA officers in this upcoming meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy O'Brien, Director, Office of Planning, Analysis, and Accountability, at [obrien.kathy@epa.gov](mailto:obrien.kathy@epa.gov) or (202) 564-1167.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "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  
Doug Goehring, NASDA Second Vice President  
Ryan Quarles, NASDA Secretary-Treasurer  
Chris Chinn, NASDA At-Large  
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**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 strengthen 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><b>Meeting Purpose:</b> 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><b>Approach:</b> Discussion leads will introduce the topic and discussion questions.</p>	Henry Darwin, Chief of Operations
1:20 – 2:00	<p><b>Permitting</b> Topic Introduction: Henry Darwin, EPA Chief of Operations <u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What strategies can we employ to address permitting process improvement opportunities?</li> <li>2. How can we better articulate shared goals and opportunities for permitting process improvement in the FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances?</li> </ol>	EPA, State, Tribal, Local & Other Leaders

2:00 – 2:40	<p><b>Lead</b>  Topic Introduction: Hayley Hughes, National Lead Coordinator  <u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are best practices or what is currently working to reduce and/or prevent lead exposures in your community?</li> <li>2. What recommendations do you have for building capacity, increasing public engagement, and fostering communication opportunities?</li> </ol>	
2:40 – 2:55	Break	
2:55 – 3:35	<p><b>Superfund</b>  Topic Introduction: Steve Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Office of Land and Emergency Management  <u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?</li> <li>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"> <li>a. Ensuring ICs are effective over the long term</li> <li>b. Addressing new (emerging) contaminants from these mature sites</li> <li>c. Communicate/discuss risks to newcomers to the community</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	
3:35 – 4:15	<p><b>Non-Attainment Areas</b>  Topic Introduction: Bill Wehrum, Assistant Administrator for Office of Air and Radiation  <u>Discussion Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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?</li> <li>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?</li> </ol>	
4:15 – 4:25	Wrap-Up and Next Steps	Andrew Wheeler, Deputy Administrator