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From: Votaw, James G.
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 6:52:13 PM
Subject: RE: EPA's Regulatory Reform Agenda

Thank you Ms. Dravis. We appreciate the compressed schedule under which EPA's Task Force is working. We will submit recommendations today for the Task Force's consideration.

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Dear Mr. Votaw:

Executive Order 13777 (82 FR 12285, March 1, 2017), "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda" directs federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force. One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification. The EO requires EPA's Task Force to submit a progress report to the Administrator by late-May, 2017.

On March 24, 2017, EPA Administrator Pruitt issued an agency-wide memorandum on implementation of EO 13777, and directed program offices to seek public input on existing regulations. As part of that process the EPA established a 30-day public comment period, which is ending today. You have asked for an additional 30-day extension of that comment period. Unfortunately, given the fact that the Task Force needs to submit a progress report in late-May, the 30-day extension is not possible.

Because Regulatory Reform is a priority for this Administration, we are committed to making this an ongoing process. One of the Agency's most important assets is the relationship program and regional offices have with key stakeholders. EPA managers and staff are in frequent contact with the regulated community before, during and following the development of agency rules. EPA will always be interested in hearing from stakeholders regarding Regulatory Reform throughout the rulemaking process and other venues such as the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee. And I am always interested in hearing ideas on how we can reduce burden, eliminate unnecessary requirements, and regulate more efficiently.

We look forward to receiving and considering your comments.

Sincerely,

Samantha K. Dravis

Senior Counsel/Associate Administrator

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