

### **Eliminating Conflicts of Interest.**

- **Administrator Pruitt is establishing a policy that if you currently receive dollars from the agency in grant money, you are not eligible to serve on all EPA advisory boards. The Administrator made a commitment to ensure independence from EPA on these boards when they make advisory decisions.**
- Example- Past SAB and CASAC members have received upwards of tens of millions of dollars in grant money over the last 10 years.

### **The previous Administration excluded state and local interests from their boards, ignoring principals of cooperative federalism.**

- For the Science Advisory Connectivity Panel, which was reviewing a highly influential scientific assessment designed to inform EPA's authority under the Clean Water Act and EPA's drafting 2015 WOTUS, EPA did not include state and local experts.
- For EPA's Fracturing Research Advisory Panel Subcommittee, there were zero individuals representing state/local matters on the actual panel, despite there being multiple state/local nominees to serve on the panel

### **The previous Administration didn't follow the law.**

S(109)(D)(2)(A) requires CASAC to have 7 members including a physician, a NAS member and a state representative. The previous Administration allowed the same board member to wear multiple roles when serving on the CASAC board – Administrator Pruitt believes this is in contrary to what the law states and will uphold the law by having 3 unique individuals represent these 3 required roles. This confusion of wearing “multiple hats” only deepens the lack of transparency – i.e. which one do you represent if you wear multiple hats?