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Please share with your members and colleagues responsible for Water Quality Standards.

Regards, Tony

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Sent: Thu Aug 12 10:36:32 2010
Subject: Water Quality Standards Regulation Consultation

Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the early stages of developing proposed revisions to the Water Quality Standards Regulations. By making these revisions, EPA intends to improve the effectiveness in restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters. The proposed revisions are expected to be published in the Federal Register in summer 2011.

EPA is seeking your consultation and input at a meeting to be held on September 2, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the U.S. EPA East Building in Room 1117A. The EPA East Building is located at 1201 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Please refer to the e-mail attachment entitled, "Enclosure 1" for the Federal Register notice, meeting agenda, and briefing information. We have invited the Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators (ASIWPCA) and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) to participate as technical advisors during this meeting.

We are conducting this consultation consistent with the terms of Executive Order 13132, entitled, "Federalism," which directs federal agencies to consult with elected state and local government officials, or their representative national organizations, when developing regulations and policies that may impose substantial

compliance costs on state and local governments. While EPA is still evaluating the economic impacts on state and local governments, we have chosen in this instance to solicit your input regardless of potential cost impacts. To that end, the purpose of this meeting is to provide you with general background on the proposed revisions, answer any questions you may have, and seek your formal written remarks pursuant to the Order.

EPA has created a web site at <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/rules/wqs/> to provide information and receive views on the proposed changes under consideration. While we would appreciate any input you can provide at the briefing, you will have the opportunity to provide written comments up to 45 days after the meeting, by Monday, October 11th.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend by contacting Evelyn Washington (Washington.Evelyn@epa.gov) and Jack Bowles (Bowles.Jack@epa.gov). If you have questions or concerns regarding the proposed revisions or the consultation process, please contact Fred Leutner, Senior Advisor for Water Quality Standards at (202) 566-0378.

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