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Mr. Ken Kirk
Executive Director
National Association of
Clean Water Agencies
1816 Jefferson Place, NW
Washington, DC 20036-2505

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you very much for your July 29, 2009 letter to Administrator Lisa P. Jackson requesting municipal participation in the development of the action plan called for in the Administrator's July 2 memorandum, *Improving Water Quality Transparency and Effective Enforcement of Clean Water Act Requirements*.

We had already identified the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), representing the nearly 300 publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), as a very important voice in this discussion. NACWA provides a very important perspective on Clean Water Act compliance and EPA values your input on the plan. OECA has been conducting teleconferences with other stakeholders, and would like to make arrangements to hold a similar teleconference with NACWA representatives. Additionally, we will be setting up a "blog" to receive comments from stakeholders and the public directly.

I look forward to NACWA's participation on this very important issue. Erin Smith in my office will be in touch with you to set up a teleconference later this month. Please feel free to contact Lisa Lund, Director of the Office of Compliance at 202-564-2280, or John Dombrowski at 202-564-0742, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Cynthia Giles", is written over the typed name and title.

Cynthia Giles
Assistant Administrator

Cc: Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator, OW
Lisa Lund, Director, OC
John Dombrowski, Acting Div. Dir., OC/ETDD
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