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December 16, 2014

Charles Lee

Deputy Associate Administrator for Environmental Justice
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance 2201A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool

Dear Mr. Lee:

I write this letter on behalf of the nearly 300 public clean water utility members of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) to request a briefing on the environmental justice screening tool that your office is developing pursuant to EPA's Plan EJ 2014. It is our understanding that there is currently no release date and that EPA is soliciting and evaluating feedback on the tool.

NACWA fully supports environmental justice concepts and the use of accurate environmental and demographic data to help identify potentially underserved or overburdened communities that may require additional resources or attention. We understand that while the screening tool may be focused primarily on air data, water-related data will also be available.

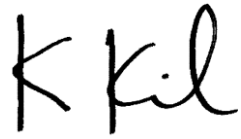
NACWA represents the interests of the nation's municipal and publicly owned Clean Water Act point source dischargers and their public ratepayers. NACWA and our members are, therefore, key stakeholders with an interest in ensuring that the screening tool uses the most accurate and up-to-date data available. In addition, NACWA would welcome a better understanding of how this tool will be used in practice. Thus, we would very much appreciate a briefing at your earliest convenience.

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I request that you have someone from your office contact NACWA's General Counsel, Nathan Gardner-Andrews (ngardner-andrews@nacwa.org; 202/833-3692) to arrange a meeting. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Kirk". The "K" is large and stylized, followed by "Kirk" in a cursive script.

Ken Kirk
Executive Director