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Via Electronic Mail: scott.pamela@epa.gov

Dear Ms. Scott,

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) appreciates the opportunity to nominate candidates to serve on the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB). NACWA represents the interests of nearly 300 public wastewater treatment utilities across the country. NACWA's public utility members treat and reclaim a majority of the wastewater generated each day nationwide, providing an essential service that protects public health and the environment. The work of EFAB has, and will continue to have, important implications for public wastewater utilities. It is important that the Board have representatives that can bring the unique perspectives of the clean water community.

The recent developments in clean water finance such as the establishment of the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center within EPA and the increasing focus on issues like public-private partnerships, integrated planning, resilience, and affordability underscore the importance of EFAB's role in providing advice and recommendations to EPA. These developments also make clear the need for the public utility perspective on EFAB. As public water and wastewater utilities continue to spend nearly \$100 billion per year on infrastructure projects, utility executives offer an unparalleled knowledge base on the array of complex environmental financing approaches and challenges.

Accordingly, NACWA is recommending the following four individuals as candidates for membership on EFAB: Yvette Downs, Chief Financial Officer of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; David Kane, Executive Administration Department Director, Treasurer of the Portland Water District; Kellie Rotunno, Chief Operating Officer of the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District; and Eric Sandler, Assistant

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General Manager of Business Services/CFO of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. All four of these utility finance leaders have a strong background of overseeing and leading major capital projects at their utilities. Not only are these nominees leaders in their communities, they also are national leaders bringing their expertise to NACWA's Finance Workgroup to examine and evaluate new developments in the clean water finance arena and chart a strategic path forward on these issues. Their executive-level experience will bring a valuable perspective on public utility management and wastewater infrastructure program financing to EFAB.

Clean water agencies face many challenges including increasing regulatory requirements, ensuring proper maintenance and upkeep of existing infrastructure, and planning for future upgrades and expansions. These utilities must not only meet these challenges, but they must do so by responsibly investing the public resources entrusted to them. As detailed in the attached resumes, Ms. Downs, Mr. Kane, Ms. Rotunno, and Mr. Sandler all have all spent their careers in the public utility and finance sectors gaining an in-depth understanding of wastewater utility management and financing and the careful balance utilities must maintain to ensure sustainable operation into the future.

Again, NACWA appreciates the opportunity to submit nominations for EFAB and recommends Yvette Downs, David Kane, Kellie Rotunno, and Eric Sandler for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202/833-4651 or akrantz@nacwa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Krantz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Krantz
Chief Executive Officer