

May 12, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator Mail Code 1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write to congratulate you on your appointment to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and to request a meeting with you and your team to discuss Clean Water Act jurisdiction and permitting and its impact on the Biden administration's priorities. The Waters Advocacy Coalition (WAC) represents major sectors of the American economy that are affected by the definition of "waters of the United States;" including construction, transportation, housing, mining, manufacturing, forestry, agriculture, energy, wildlife conservation, recreation, and public health and safety sectors—all of which are vital to a thriving economy and providing much-needed jobs. The coalition has been working with EPA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Congress, and other stakeholders on this issue for more than a decade.

Our members employ millions of workers—both union and non-union—and provide the essential goods and services that all Americans rely on. We grow the food and agricultural products that sustain us, provide for our energy security, build affordable homes, and help with the efficient and reliable production and movement of goods and supplies. Many of our industries have been essential during the COVID-19 pandemic and have served as bright spots in our economy. Additionally, our members are integral to achieving President Biden's goals to revitalize our infrastructure, create good-paying jobs, and improve the quality of life for all Americans in both rural and urban areas.

We would like the opportunity to meet with you and your team and have a dialogue about the breadth of business and property interests that are affected by the definition of "waters of the United States" and how potential changes to the current definition may affect the way coalition members do business and the cost of our products and services. Our goal is to work with you and your team to ensure clear regulations that make sense in the field.

We look forward to being a part of your outreach to stakeholders and this important conversation that so greatly impacts our future ability to provide needed services that keeps our environment safe and our economy growing. Byron Brown (bbrown@crowell.com, 202-624-2546) will contact your scheduler to find a time on your calendar that is appropriate. Thank you.

Sincerely,

American Exploration & Mining Association
American Exploration & Production Council
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Forest & Paper Association
American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers
American Gas Association

American Iron & Steel Institute
American Petroleum Institute
American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Society of Golf Course Architects
Associated Builders & Contractors
Associated General Contractors of America
Association of American Railroads
Association of Oil Pipelines
Club Management Association of America
Florida and Texas Sugar Cane Growers
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Industrial Minerals Association North America
International Diatomite Producers Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Realtors
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
National Corn Growers Association
National Cotton Council of America
National Mining Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Pork Producers Council
National Stone Sand & Gravel Association
Responsible Industry for Sound Environment
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
The Fertilizer Institute
United Egg Producers
USA Rice Federation
US Chamber of Commerce

cc: Senator Tom Carper; Chairman, Environment and Public Works Committee
Senator Shelley Moore Capito; Ranking, Member Environment and Public Works Committee