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Dear State, Local, and Tribal Official:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) to invite you to the LGAC's Protecting America's Waters Workgroup's meeting to provide your input on the EPA's proposed rule to clarify ***Waters of the U.S.*** that are subject to the Clean Water Act . Your input as a state, local, or tribal official will assist the Committee in providing valuable advice and recommendations to Administrator Gina McCarthy that thoughtfully and comprehensively considers the impacts on the proposed rule on local governments.

The meeting will be at held at the **Worcester Public Library** located at **3 Salem Street, Worcester, Massachusetts, on September 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please send your r.s.v.p. to Frances Eargle at (202) 564-3115 or email at Eargle.Frances@epa.gov to indicate whether you will attend and whether or not you intend to make a presentation to the Committee. If you intend to speak we ask that your comments be no longer than five minutes. However, you may submit in writing any additional statements for the meeting record.

EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee is a 28-member federally chartered advisory Committee made up of locally elected and appointed officials who advise Administrator Gina McCarthy on environmental matters that effect local governments. At the meeting, the EPA Administrator will discuss the charge and the EPA's Office of Water will give a briefing on the proposed rule followed by a time on the agenda for you to present your views and perspectives on the proposed rule. The LGAC will consider these points in our deliberations and synthesis to present to the EPA Administrator when considering a final rule on waters of the U.S.

I do very much hope that you will be able to participate in this very important meeting of the Local Government Advisory Committee and to strengthen our participation and voice in

federal decision-making that affects our communities throughout the nation.

For more information on the Local Government Advisory Committee or this meeting please contact Frances Eargle or go to http://www.epa.gov/ocirpage/scas_lgac/lgac_index.htm. For more information on the proposed rule of Waters of the U.S. go to http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/guidance/wetlands/CWAwaters.cfm.

Yours sincerely,

Robert A. Dixon

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