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The Honorable Gina McCarthy Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee's Protecting America's Waters Workgroup was pleased to hear a presentation by Roger Gorke, EPA's Office of Water, regarding the National Drought Resilience Partnership (NDRP) and the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS).

To say the least, the depth, breadth and quality of information available to local governments is outstanding. The information ranges from useful tips for residents to exceptional data for emergency managers. Encouraging conservation and other green practices to conserve water is critical to managing our scarce water resources.

The LGAC would like to commend the EPA and the entire federal family for their role in providing such effective tools with a variety of valuable applications at the local level. We encourage EPA to work with its state, local and tribal partners to ensure that there is widespread awareness of the NDRP. Further, the NDRP is another noteworthy example of successful interagency cooperation.

If the LGAC and its members can assist you in publicizing the availability of this resource, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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