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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Notice of Revisions to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

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TO: EPA Financial Assistance Agreement Recipients, Prime Contractors and DBE
Subcontractors

On July 28, 2016, EPA's amendments to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program was published in the Federal Register for direct final action. The DBE Program, which was first promulgated in 2008, is an outreach, education and goaling program designed to increase and encourage the utilization and participation of minority and women-owned businesses in procurements funded by EPA assistance agreements. EPA made revisions to improve the practical utility of the program and minimize the burden to affected entities. These revisions include:

1. Establishing an online self-certification platform for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) via the OSBP Small Business Vendor Profile System (SBVPS);
2. Increasing the exemption threshold for fair share negotiations to \$1 million;
3. Revising the reporting frequency to annually for all recipients and;
4. Limiting reporting requirement to financial assistance agreements with funds budgeted for procurements above \$150,000.

In addition to these changes, EPA made minor revisions to the DBE Program to minimize information collection, clarify requirements, update references and harmonize requirements with uniform administrative requirements published by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

To review this direct final action visit www.regulations.gov and reference Docket ID number. EPA-HQ-OA-2016-0457. Please note that the Docket ID number listed on the action under the "ADDRESSES" section is incorrectly recorded as EPA-HQ-OA-2006-0278. All comments should be identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2016-0457 and are due by August 29, 2016.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Teree Henderson, EPA DBE Program National Coordinator, at 202-566-2222 or at henderson.teree@epa.gov.

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