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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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The Honorable Leirion Gaylor Baird
Chair
Local Government Advisory Committee
Delivered via email

RE: LGAC Recommendations – Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule

Dear Mayor Baird,

Thank you for July 29, 2024, letter to Administrator Michael Regan. The Office of Water is responsible for carrying out the requirements of the *Safe Drinking Water Act*. The agency appreciates the Local Government Advisory Committee for submitting its helpful recommendations in response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's June 2024 charge questions on the proposed Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule.

The LGAC's recommendations regarding community engagement and transparency, supplemental incentives to encourage restructuring, and criteria for tailoring assessments to water system characteristics will be incorporated into the EPA's notice and comment rulemaking process. Moving forward, the agency will consider these and other public comments as it develops a final rule intended to ensure that all communities served by public water systems receive safe, affordable, and sustainable drinking water. As part of this rulemaking process, the EPA will provide responses to the LGAC's significant comments in the public docket for the final rule.

Thank you for your letter and for providing thoughtful recommendations to the EPA. If the Committee has questions, please contact Frank Sylvester, the LGAC's Designated Federal Officer, at Sylvester.Frank.J@epa.gov or (202) 564-1279.

Sincerely,

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