



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write to you regarding the coalition application submitted by the cities of Cedar Rapids and Iowa City for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. The cities are seeking a federal grant award of \$125,001,625 to support the "Accelerating Methane Capture and Renewable Natural Gas Adoption at Wastewater Facilities in Eastern Iowa project." Please give their application due consideration under all applicable rules and laws.

The project aims to integrate anaerobic biodigester systems at both the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City wastewater treatment facilities to capture methane from biogas production. According to the applicants, captured methane will be cleaned and injected into the natural gas grid as renewable natural gas (RNG), reducing reliance on non-renewable natural gas to support the activities of industries and households within the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities and surrounding region. In addition, the project includes plans to transport industrial waste to the wastewater treatment plants to increase biogas production, providing an opportunity to increase RNG production and reduce additional methane gas generation by diverting waste from landfills.

The applicants state that this initiative aims to further the EPA's mission by supporting the health and vitality of the communities, reducing harmful pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions, promoting workforce development and job creation, and enhancing energy security in the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City communities.

For these reasons and those further described in their grant application, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of the coalition's grant application. If you have any questions, please contact my District Director, Joe Krenzelok, at 202-868-1722 or at Joe.Krenzelok@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.