



ASSOCIATION OF
METROPOLITAN
WATER AGENCIES



American
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Association



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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
USEPA Headquarters
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OA-2018-0259, *Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science*

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing drinking water and wastewater systems across the United States, we are requesting an extension of the comment period for the proposed rule: *Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science* published in the Federal Register on April 30. The undersigned organizations support increasing transparency whenever possible, but would like to state that increasing transparency should be accomplished in concert with the development of regulations that protect public health and the environment.

The extended comment period will provide additional opportunity for water systems to more fully understand the proposed rule and to provide a thorough and useful response. Therefore, the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies, the American Water Works Association and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies request an extension in the comment period for an additional 60 days.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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