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William Jefferson Clinton Building
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Washington, DC 20460

Re: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0438, *Request for Public Comments To Be Sent to EPA on Peer Review Materials To Inform the Safe Drinking Water Act Decision Making on Perchlorate: Request for comment period extension*

The Association of Metropolitan Agencies (AMWA) is an organization representing the largest publicly owned drinking water utilities in the United States. Any changes in the development of national primary drinking water regulations would significantly impact our members. EPA has published a request for comment on the draft report: *Proposed Approaches to Inform the Derivation of a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for Perchlorate in Drinking Water*. As you know, AMWA has been involved with the issue of perchlorate since EPA first began pursuing a regulatory determination. This new model proposed by EPA and described in the report is complex and uses an extensive amount of data from numerous studies that must be reviewed in order to provide useful comments for the proposed expert panel to review.

Due to the complexity of this report, AMWA requests an extension in the comment period of an additional 45 days. AMWA needs this additional time in order to more fully understand the complex and substantial amount of information provided. This extension would allow AMWA to provide the most thoughtful and useful response to this draft report and provide the most comprehensive comments possible.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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