



January 27, 2020

Mary B. Neumayr
Chairman
Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Re: Request for Comment Extension on CEQ's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking *Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* (Docket ID No. CEQ-2019-0003)

Dear Ms. Neumayr,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) is an organization representing CEOs and general managers of the largest publicly owned drinking water utilities in the United States and the American Water Works Association (AWWA) is an international, nonprofit, scientific and educational society dedicated to providing total water solutions assuring the effective management of water. AMWA and AWWA thank the Council on Environmental Quality for the opportunity to comment on CEQ's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking *Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* (Docket ID No. CEQ-2019-0003).

As many members from both organizations are often applicants for or involved in projects that require review under NEPA, such as those for water supply and delivery, any changes in the NEPA process would significantly impact our members. Therefore, our organizations request a 30-day extension to the comment period due to the scope of the rule, the breadth of the proposed changes, and the level of detail that is necessary for thoughtful responses. This extension would allow both AMWA and AWWA the time needed to more fully engage our members and to provide the most useful and comprehensive comments possible for the council.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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