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Dr. Shaunta Hill-Hammond
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Invitation for Public Comment on the List of Candidates for the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board

Submitted via email to hill-hammond.shaunta@epa.gov

Dear Dr. Hill-Hammond,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) welcomes the opportunity to recommend several candidates for the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), which will provide independent scientific and technical peer review, consultation, advice, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the scientific bases for EPA's actions and programs. AMWA represents the largest publicly owned drinking water systems in the United States, and its membership collectively serves more than 160 million people.

AMWA urges EPA to prioritize ensuring that the membership of the Science Advisory Board reflects the expertise of professionals in the water sector. The inclusion of representatives from public water systems will ensure that the priorities of the SAB reflect the perspectives of key decisionmakers from one of the nation's critical infrastructure sectors. As regional and local decisionmakers on water resources, public water systems and their leaders have practical knowledge of the impacts of regulatory actions and unique insights into the kinds of accessible data, research, and engagement opportunities that are necessary to best support a critical infrastructure sector.

As stewards of the environment and providers of critically important human health and safety resources, AMWA's public water system members are deeply entrenched in the scientific issues relevant to the SAB. Water utility management involves a complex understanding of a range of scientific and economic disciplines, including but not limited to analytical chemistry, benefit-cost analysis, ecological sciences, human health risk assessment, and uncertainty analysis. Practitioners

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build these scientific skills while managing real world complexities and can therefore provide insights that may be otherwise lost when relying solely on academic research expertise.

Furthermore, those with public water system experience have a strong familiarity with achieving compliance with EPA regulations, and have seen firsthand the economic, environmental, and public health consequences of EPA actions. These insights would contribute to a more comprehensive perspective when the SAB provides advice to EPA.

Subject matter experts from multiple AMWA members welcome the opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders to demonstrate their scientific expertise. The following staff from AMWA utilities have been nominated and have expressed a willingness to serve on the SAB:

- Daniel Gerrity, Ph.D., P.E., Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Chris Moody, P.E., Fairfax Water
- John Norton, Ph.D., P.E., Great Lakes Water Authority
- Brian Redder, Ph.D., Fairfax Water

AMWA endorses each of these individuals for SAB membership. These candidates have demonstrated expertise in handling regulatory agendas in a practical context, while promoting the advancement of emerging research related to the water sector and environmental and public health issues more generally.

AMWA supports the mission of the Science Advisory Board to inform EPA's protection of human health and the environment. We appreciate the opportunity to put these names forward and request that the EPA fully prioritize representation from the nation's public water systems in the makeup of the Board. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Erin Phillips, AMWA's Government Affairs Associate, at phillips@amwa.net.

Sincerely,



Tom Dobbins
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