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The Honorable Alexandra Dapolito Dunn
Assistant Administrator
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
Environmental Protection Agency

Re: Toxic Substances Control Act Regulations: Planning for Federalism Consultations

Dear Assistant Administrator Dunn,

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) thanks EPA for the invitation to provide vital feedback to the agency regarding current and future endeavors in the TSCA process. Pollution prevention is paramount in protecting water sources for public water supply and TSCA is the first line of defense against the growing number of contaminants that could pose unreasonable risk.

Regarding future engagement on EPA's risk evaluation process, AMWA agrees with EPA's suggestion of standing quarterly meetings. This strategy will help to ensure that all interested stakeholders will be brought to the table. AMWA also suggests that EPA limit each of these meetings to reviewing only one or two chemicals that are currently undergoing risk evaluation. Each chemical will likely impact stakeholders differently and therefore participation will vary. Reviewing only one or two chemicals at each meeting will ensure that stakeholders are using staff time appropriately.

It is crucial to strive towards the prevention of pollutants entering drinking water sources. TSCA provides us with a unique opportunity to protect the environment and public health. AMWA thanks EPA for the opportunity to work with the agency to better protect drinking water sources. If you would like to further discuss these topics, please contact Stephanie Hayes Schlea, AMWA's Director of Regulatory and Scientific Affairs, at schlea@amwa.net.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

cc: Jennifer McLain, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

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