



March 17, 2020

The Honorable David P. Ross
Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0583, *Announcement of Preliminary Regulatory Determinations for Contaminants on the Fourth Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List*

Dear Assistant Administrator Ross,

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 appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Protection Agency's request for public comment, *Announcement of Preliminary Regulatory Determinations for Contaminants on the Fourth Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List* (EPA-HQ-OW-2019-0583).

Although EPA's request for comments focuses primarily on those substances in which the agency has made regulatory determinations, EPA also asks for comment regarding possible regulatory approaches for future per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), beyond PFOA and PFOS, which the agency has proposed to regulate. Extending the agency's scope beyond that of a regulatory determination will require much more time and discussion in order to provide meaningful comments. Adequate responses will not be possible with the current comment period of 60 days. Therefore, AMWA and AWWA request an additional 30-day extension to the comment period, allowing for a total of 90 days. This extension would allow the associations the time needed to more fully engage our members and to provide the most meaningful and comprehensive comments for the agency.

The associations appreciate all the work that EPA has accomplished so far in addressing PFAS and thanks the agency for its continued willingness to engage with stakeholders. Both AMWA and AWWA have been heavily engaged with EPA on the subject of PFAS and have been happy to work with the agency as it implements components of the PFAS Action Plan. We look forward to continuing this relationship as we move forward on this important issue.

Thank you for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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