



OFFICE OF GROUND WATER AND DRINKING WATER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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National Drinking Water Advisory Council
Attn: Ms. Lisa D. Daniels, Chair

Delivered by email

Dear Ms. Daniels:

Thank you for your December 14, 2023, letter to Michael Regan, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Because the Office of Water is responsible for carrying out requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, I have been asked to respond to your letter.

I would like to thank the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC or Council) for providing advice and recommendations to the EPA in response to the agency's November 2021 charge to the Council on potential revisions to microbial and disinfection byproducts rules. The EPA appreciates the Council's thoughtful work in providing consensus recommendations, along with additional information where consensus was not reached, across a wide range of key issues related to five rules—the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rules, Surface Water Treatment Rule, Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and Long-Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. Feedback and recommendations from the NDWAC play an important role in the EPA's rulemaking process. We will take the Council's work under careful consideration as the agency moves forward.

In addition, I would like to express appreciation to the NDWAC's Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rule Revisions Working Group members for their impressive dedication in support of the work of the Council. The EPA appreciates the NDWAC's decision to attach the Working Group's report to the Council's letter to the Administrator.

Again, thank you for your letter and for the valued input that the NDWAC provides to the EPA on issues of significance to the protection of public health under the Safe Drinking Water Act. If the Council has questions, please contact Elizabeth Corr, the NDWAC's Designated Federal Officer, at corr.elizabeth@epa.gov or (202) 564-3798.

Sincerely,

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Director

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