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January 27, 2016

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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Senate Committee on Energy & Natural
Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy & Natural
Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) would like to express its strong support for Sections 4101 and 4102 in S. 2012, *The Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015*. Clean water utilities are increasingly implementing innovative technologies to reduce their energy costs, generate electricity, reduce waste, and lower the environmental impact of their facilities. These legislative provisions are important to support and advance such innovations as part of the energy-water nexus.

Section 4101 will help improve coordination of the federal government's efforts related to the intersection of energy and water issues. Clean water agencies will benefit from improved understanding of federal efforts related to the energy-water nexus and potential opportunities for increased engagement on technology research, development, and deployment. The creation of the Interagency Coordination Committee is also important by providing a repository of knowledge that wastewater utilities can utilize when implementing innovative water-energy projects.

Section 4102 would create a pilot program that provides grants to eligible entities to demonstrate unique, advanced, or innovative technology-based solutions. This program is a great opportunity to advance the innovative work of clean water agencies. Furthermore, it aligns with the *Water Resources Utility of the Future* (UOTF) initiative being embraced across the water and wastewater sectors as utilities move beyond providing basic services and engage in efforts like resource recovery and energy generation to cut costs, improve environmental performance, and better serve their customers.

NACWA strongly supports these two provisions and applauds the committee for including them. They will further advance the innovation underway by clean water agencies and help the nation address energy and water challenges. There is so much potential for energy and water conservation in the intersection of these two sectors,

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and federal attention to this nexus is very important to sustain progress. NACWA urges your continued attention to these provisions as discussions regarding the bill proceed.

Please contact Patricia Sinicropi, NACWA's Senior Director of Legislative Affairs, at psinicropi@nacwa.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Krantz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping underline that loops back under the first part of the name.

Adam Krantz
CEO