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Mr. Adam Krantz, CEO
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Dear Mr. Krantz:

Thank you for your letter of February 21, 2017, to Scott Pruitt, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, congratulating him on his confirmation and requesting a meeting to discuss the National Association of Clean Water Agency's water-related policy recommendations. The nation's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure is critical for protecting public health and supporting and sustaining economic development.

The recently released FY18 President's budget includes support for rebuilding this nation's infrastructure, requesting increases for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs and level funding for the new WIFIA program. This is important because, as you mention in your letter, the nation faces a significant water infrastructure funding need over the next 20 years, more than \$655 billion. The Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs are core programs that support EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. The WIFIA program will supplement the existing SRF programs and accelerate water infrastructure investment by providing an additional source of low-cost, long-term capital, in the form of direct loans, to larger-scale projects. WIFIA expects to make its first loans soon with \$20 million in recently appropriated funding that will allow WIFIA to extend approximately \$1 billion in credit assistance and leverage approximately \$2 billion in total infrastructure investment.

Continued investment in the nation's water infrastructure is a priority and Administrator Pruitt's team will be looking for opportunities for him to meet with you to discuss NACWA's water policy recommendations. A member of that team is Sydney Hupp who can be reached at hupp.sydney@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael H. Shapiro".

Michael H. Shapiro
Acting Assistant Administrator

cc: Oliver Hamilton, NACWA
Sydney Hupp, USEPA