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Dear Colleagues:

The following press release is being issued today by the EPA Region IX press office. If you have questions or need any additional information, please give me a call.

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EPA Encourages Americans to Become Leak Detectives

WaterSense® and its Partners in Nevada Celebrate Fix a Leak Week March 14-20

SAN FRANCISCO—Each year, more than one trillion gallons of water are wasted by easy-to-fix household leaks, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense program. That's why EPA is encouraging consumers to "Be a Leak Detective" during WaterSense's eighth annual Fix a Leak Week, March 14 through 20, 2016, by finding and fixing leaks around the home.

"Leaks don't just rob your home of precious water, they could be adding 10 percent to your utility bill," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "By taking just 10 minutes to detect leaks at home, the average family could save more than 10,000 gallons of water per year."

Becoming a leak detective can be accomplished in three simple steps: check, twist, and replace:

•□□□□□□□□ **Check** for silent toilet leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring into the tank at the back of a toilet; wait 10 minutes before flushing, and if the color appears in the bowl, it's a leak. Don't forget to flush!

•□□□□□□□□ **Twist** faucet, shower, and pipe connections tightly to avoid leaking a trail of water waste, or twist on a WaterSense labeled faucet aerator to save water and energy.

•□□□□□□□□ **Replace** broken or leaky fixtures with WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models.

To help consumers find and fix leaks, EPA WaterSense partners are sponsoring activities across Nevada. For example:

•□□□□□□□□ In Las Vegas, the Southern Nevada Water Authority will be hosting daily giveaways (flappers, shower heads, and aerators) and empowering residents to be leak detectives by providing educational material via newsletters, radio, and the web.

To learn more about detecting leaks or to find a Fix a Leak Week event in your community, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak.

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