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Colleagues,

I'm pleased to announce that President Trump signed an Executive Order on "Modernizing America's Water Resource Management and Water Infrastructure" on Tuesday, October 13, 2020. This is a critical moment for water policy in the United States, and the new Executive Order creates opportunities for all of us to continue driving progress. The Executive Order formally establishes the Water Subcabinet, co-chaired by EPA and DOI, and will ensure Federal coordination on water policy now and into the future. Of note, the Executive Order directs the Water Subcabinet to:

- Identify and provide recommendations to coordinate and consolidate the overlapping and often duplicative activities of hundreds of Federal interagency water-related task forces and working groups;
- Develop a national action plan to improve management of our Nation's water resources, and water infrastructure, specifically examining:
    - Enhancement of water storage, water supply, and drought resiliency;
    - Improvement of water quality, source water protection, nutrient management, and restoration activities;
    - Innovation and modernization of water systems, including for drinking water, wastewater, water reuse, desalination, and flood control; and
    - Advancement in water data management, research, modeling, and forecasting;
- Promote integrated planning among agencies for Federal investments in water-related infrastructure; and

- Support water sector workforce development and efforts to recruit, train, and retain professionals to operate and maintain America's essential drinking water, wastewater, flood control, hydropower, and delivery and storage facilities.

I encourage you to read the full Executive Order, and I look forward to working closely with you and our partners to ensure the Executive Order is successfully implemented.

Have a nice weekend.

Dave

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