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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Richard Moore Chair National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Los Jardines Institute 803 La Vega Drive, SW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

Dear Mr. Moore:

I have received the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council's report titled *EPA's Role in Addressing the Urgent Water Infrastructure Needs of Environmental Justice Communities*. Thank you for your leadership of this important advisory committee.

I appreciate the NEJAC's feedback on how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may better assist communities with identifying opportunities for financing water infrastructure projects, as well as ways to ensure communities have clean, affordable water and sanitation.

It is important that the EPA share tools and best practices to assist communities of concern with developing the capacity to address their water infrastructure and sanitation challenges. I appreciate your thoughtful advice as we work together to protect the health and environment of our most vulnerable and overburdened communities.

Andrew R. Wheeler

cc: NEJAC Members

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