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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Monday, November 20, 2017 Contact: Todd Parfitt, (307) 777-7937 or todd.parfitt@wyo.gov Environmental Council of the States (ECOS)

ECOS Congratulates Dunn on Appointment as U.S. EPA Region 1 Administrator

Washington, DC – The Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) congratulates its Executive Director and General Counsel Alexandra Dunn on her recent appointment as Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1, effective January 7.

"Alexandra Dunn has been a tremendous asset to ECOS since April 2014," says ECOS President Todd Parfitt, Director of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. "Together with the ECOS leadership, she has achieved and exceeded many important goals. These include maintaining wide state support across the political spectrum, adopting a <u>strategic plan</u> through 2020 for both ECOS and the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS), receiving strong grant funding and enhancing our reserve fund, and building a dynamic and engaged <u>Executive Committee</u> enhanced by dedicated committee Vice Chairs." Parfitt adds that the recent launch of <u>ECOS Results</u>, which many additional states plan to join before March 2018, is a concrete example of state leadership and a collective commitment to transparently discussing environmental and public health outcomes, as is ECOS' <u>Cooperative Federalism 2.0</u> campaign.

Dunn has more than two decades of experience in environmental law, legislation, policy, and regulatory affairs, Prior to joining ECOS in 2014, she served as Executive Director and General Counsel for the Association of Clean Water Administrators. Last month, Dunn was elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Environmental Lawyers, and she serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Environmental Law Institute. She has chaired the American Bar Association (ABA) section of Environment, Energy, and Resources and its World Justice Task Force, and served on the ABA Presidential Task Force on Sustainable Development.

Dunn will remain at ECOS until January 5. ECOS' bylaws provide for a structure for retaining an Executive Director. The officers and the ERIS President will serve as the search committee and will work in consultation with the Executive Committee.

To read the U.S. EPA announcement, including accolades from ECOS members in Region 1 and others, click here.

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