



March 6, 2020

Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, Director
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Executive Office of the President
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RE: National Emerging Contaminants Research Initiative

Dear Dr. Droegemeier:

We are writing to request that as the Office of Science and Technology Policy establishes the National Emerging Contaminant Research Initiative your Office consults with state environmental agencies through the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA). ECOS and ASDWA are national, nonprofit, nonpartisan associations of state and territorial environmental agency leaders and drinking water programs, respectively. In the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020, Title LXXIII, Subtitle D, Section 7342, your Office is called on to establish this initiative to help implement the Federal research strategy to address research gaps related to emerging contaminants in drinking water. As the leaders of the state environmental and health agencies that address many of these issues, ECOS and ASDWA members and their staff are well-suited to provide critical information to the federal government about emerging contaminants and research gaps.

Our members look forward to working with your Office on this important work. Please contact ECOS Executive Director Donald S. Welsh at dwelsh@ecos.org or 202-266-4920 to discuss how best to gather state input through ECOS and ASDWA.

Sincerely,

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