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## **ECOS Issues Statement on Michael Regan**

**Washington, DC** – ECOS Executive Director Don Welsh today issued the following statement on President-Elect Joe Biden's reported selection of ECOS member Michael Regan, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, to serve as U.S. EPA Administrator:

"States are encouraged to see a state agency leader and ECOS member, Michael Regan, nominated to lead U.S. EPA in the new Administration. States take the lead in the implementation of most federal environmental programs, and familiarity with that role can be a great asset in forging a strong state-federal relationship. States look forward to working with the new leadership of EPA to advance the protection of public health and the environment."

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