



May 8, 2017

Scott Pruitt, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director

RE: Executive Order 13777 Evaluation of Existing Regulations

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Dear Administrator Pruitt:

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The Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) writes in strong opposition to any effort on the part of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to repeal or weaken regulations that protect our nation's environment and public health.

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APCC is the leading nonprofit environmental advocacy and education organization for the region of Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The mission of APCC is to preserve, protect and enhance the natural resources of Cape Cod through protection of groundwater, surface water and wetland resources, preservation of open space, promotion of responsible, planned growth, and the achievement of an environmental ethic. The positions we take and the policies for which we advocate are science-based.

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APCC has great concern over the motivation behind the review of EPA regulations. Under the guise of Executive Order 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda," EPA is "seeking input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification." We worry that this executive order will be used as a vehicle to deliberately gut or abolish beneficial regulations that protect the environment and human health.

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Existing regulations that protect our water and air have been established out of necessity, and have resulted in many measurable benefits to U.S. citizens. Through its regulations, the EPA has safeguarded the nation's natural resources, improved public health and saved lives. If environmental protections adopted under EPA jurisdiction were to be weakened, there is little doubt that the citizens of this country will suffer adverse consequences.

Daniel Webb

APCC is particularly concerned about the potential for EPA's Clean Power Plan to be dismantled. The Clean Power Plan is a landmark step forward in the effort to reduce carbon pollution from existing power plants, which are the single largest source of carbon emissions in the U.S. According to a statement issued by the EPA in 2016, the Clean Power Plan is the result of a 2009 EPA determination that "greenhouse gas pollution threatens Americans' health and welfare by leading to long-lasting changes in our climate that can have a range of negative effects on human health and the environment. Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the most prevalent greenhouse gas pollutant, accounting for nearly three-quarters of global greenhouse gas emissions and 82 percent of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions."

The Clean Power Plan is one of the most important U.S. efforts so far to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet our international obligations to combat climate change. It is the product of extraordinary public outreach—including hundreds of meetings and public

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hearings—held during a three-year period in cities across the country. It is backed by overwhelming scientific evidence and solid legal findings. Repeal of the Clean Power Plan would be a catastrophic and costly step backward for our nation.

The paramount responsibility of the EPA is to protect the environment and health of U.S. citizens. The EPA must not sacrifice the well-being of our nation's citizens to serve the interests and increase the profits of industry polluters. APCC calls on the EPA to keep existing regulatory protections in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Gottlieb', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Gottlieb
Executive Director