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Dear Mr. Ross:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am pleased to let you know that the *Draft FY 2014-2018 EPA Strategic Plan* is available for review and comment. We would appreciate receiving the views of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) on the draft by January 3, 2014. In particular, we would appreciate your high-level review focused on how the *Plan* addresses key strategies to achieve the Administrator's themes and the agency's mission results, and communicates that message to a diverse audience, including the general public and key partners and stakeholders.

We will use the NACEPT feedback, along with input from other agency stakeholders, partners, and the general public, to prepare the final *FY 2014-2018 EPA Strategic Plan* for release in February/March 2014. The full-text draft of the *Plan* is accessible through: <http://www.regulations.gov/> (Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OA-2013-0555). This website also provides a link through which you are encouraged to submit comments to us electronically.

The Government Performance and Results Act Modernization Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-352) requires federal agencies to update long-range plans every four years. EPA's *Plan* identifies the measurable environmental and human health outcomes the public can expect over the next four years and describes how we intend to achieve those results. We have updated our *Plan* to better reflect our priorities.

The *Plan* focuses on how EPA conducts its work to address our changing climate, protect our precious water and land resources, and advance chemical safety. The *Plan* seeks to outline how EPA will make a visible difference in communities across the country by advancing sustainability and innovation, and providing sound scientific advice, technical and compliance assistance, and other tools that support states, tribes, cities, towns, rural communities, and the private sector. Under this *Plan*, EPA will continue to improve the way we do business, engaging closely with our public sector partners at all levels and the regulated community to achieve environmental benefits in the most pragmatic, collaborative, and flexible way possible—for our children and future generations.

If you have questions about the full-text draft or require a hard copy of the document, please contact Vivian Daub in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer at 202-564-6790 or ocfoinfo@epa.gov.

I would like to thank you and the NACEPT membership for your time and interest in the development of EPA's *Strategic Plan* and our work to protect human health and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maryann Froehlich".

Maryann Froehlich
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