

## **UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

March 24, 2017

THE ADMINISTRATOR

## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Executive Order 13777: Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda

FROM:

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TO:

Acting Deputy Administrator

General Counsel

**Assistant Administrators** 

Inspector General

Chief Financial Officer

Chief of Staff

Associate Administrators Regional Administrators

Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

On February 24, 2017, the President issued Executive Order 13777 on Enforcing the Regulatory Agenda. The EO, designed to reduce the regulatory burdens agencies place on the American people, directs agencies to undertake several activities to further this goal.

As a first step, the EO requires the designation of a Regulatory Reform Officer and the establishment of a Regulatory Reform Task Force. I have asked Samantha Dravis, Senior Counsel and Associate Administrator for Policy, to lead our efforts in this area and serve as the EPA's RRO. Further, I have asked that Ryan Jackson, Chief of Staff, serve as the chairman of the Task Force. Other members of the Task Force include Byron Brown and Brittany Bolen, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Office of Policy Deputy Associate Administrator, respectively.

The Task Force is charged with evaluating existing regulations and making recommendations to me regarding those that can be repealed, replaced or modified to make them less burdensome. The EO also requires that the Task Force seek input from entities significantly affected by our regulations, including state, local and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations and trade associations.

As a first step, by May 15, 2017, the Offices of Air and Radiation, Land and Emergency Management, Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Water, Environmental Information, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations and Small and Disadvantaged Business

Utilization should provide the Task Force with recommendations regarding specific rules that should be considered for repeal, replacement or modification. While we intend to do some general outreach regarding this effort, I would like the recommendations from those offices to be informed by consultation with their particular stakeholders. Specifically, each of those offices should hold a dedicated public meeting on this topic so that we can listen and learn directly from those impacted by our regulations. All of the regional and headquarters offices receiving this memo should provide their recommendations to the Task Force by May 15. Regional offices should send their comments to OCIR for consolidation before they are provided to the Task Force.

Samantha and Ryan will be reaching out with additional information. Thank you for your help with this extremely important initiative.

cc: Sarah Rees
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