



National Association of Conservation Districts

May 9, 2014

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

On behalf of the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, NACD would like to request an extension of the comment periods for the Interpretative Rule (IR) Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OW-2013-0820; 9908-97-OW and the Proposed Rule (PR) Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OW- 2011-0880; FRL-9901-47-OW by 60 days each.

We greatly appreciate the webinar you presented to our membership on May 7, 2014. We had participation from 41 states, and the level of detail you provided was very helpful to our membership. At this point, a large number of our members are taking a closer look at the IR and PR, and our Natural Resources Policy Committee has begun its review.

We have a lot of work to do to gather information on the ground, in the midst of a very busy time for NACD members who are just getting back into the fields for a late start to the spring planting season. Extra time will provide NACD with an opportunity to conduct more outreach, and in turn provide more comprehensive and thorough comments to EPA.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Acting Assistant Administrator Nancy Stoner