



August 31, 2021

**RE: ACWA Recommendations for Updating the 2013 Long-Term Vision for the CWA 303(d) Program**

To whom it may concern,

The Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) is the independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state and interstate (hereinafter "states") water program directors, responsible for the daily implementation of the Clean Water Act's (CWA) water quality programs. Starting in 2011, states and EPA began collaborating to update the implementation of the programs managed under Section 303(d) of the CWA. The outcome of this collaboration was the development of "A Long-Term Vision for Assessment, Restoration, and Protection under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Program" in 2013. As we near the end of the initial 10-year window for the initial Vision period, ACWA's Watersheds Committee, comprised of state staff involved in CWA Section 303(d), have worked over the past year and a half to develop recommendations on ways to support and update this Program Vision.

This document, "ACWA Recommendations for Updating the 2013 Long-Term Vision for the CWA 303(d) Program," represents changes that we would like to see implemented in an effort to continue the 303(d) Program Vision and to improve the Program through its next iteration.

Through many calls, drafts, and comment periods, ACWA staff and Watersheds Committee Chairs worked to capture the diverse perspectives of the states and compile them into one document to provide EPA and the states a starting point for developing the next iteration of the Vision.

The 303(d) Program Vision embodies the best of cooperative federalism. It has been a partnership between state and federal programs, managers and staff. ACWA seeks to continue that process, supporting it through the transmittal of these recommendations. We appreciate the support from EPA program staff and managers through this process and look forward to future conversations that will eventually lead to the development of an updated version of the 303(d) program framework that is the Vision.

Please contact ACWA Environmental Program Manager, Jasper Hobbs, at [jhobbs@acwa-us.org](mailto:jhobbs@acwa-us.org) or (202) 756-0603 with any questions regarding ACWA's recommendations.

Sincerely,

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