



# EPA NATIONAL DRINKING WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL

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As you have noted in many speeches, sound science must provide the basis for risk management decisions made by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA is to be commended for the important role it has played in overseeing, funding and conducting necessary research in support of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) for more than 30 years. However, the NDWAC would like to convey to EPA the necessity for more health effects research to support the direction of future SDWA-related regulations.

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EPA recently released its draft of the third Contaminant Candidate List (CCL), which is used by the Agency to identify and assess contaminants that may require future drinking water regulation. Since its inception the CCL process has been a well designed, successful, and broadly-supported effort. However, the Council has concerns that EPA's research program may not be aligned to support this important program.

**Carl Stephani**  
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The Council recommends that EPA develop a holistic drinking water research plan that includes needed health effects research for CCL list contaminants. Research priorities at EPA's national laboratories should include development of health effects data for CCL contaminants. Research priority should be given to those CCL contaminants for which additional health effects information is necessary to support a final determination regarding regulation.

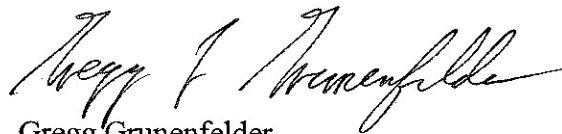
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EPA's drinking water health effects research budget should be increased to a level that ensures health effects data are available in a timely fashion to better inform future CCL decision-making processes.

The Council also recommends that EPA continue its collaborative approach with states, water and wastewater utilities, the agricultural community, manufacturing industries, public health officials, and non-governmental organizations on this important work.

Thank you for your consideration of these recommendations on research needs. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Blette, Designated Federal Officer for the NDWAC, at (202) 564-4094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregg F. Grunenfelder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gregg Grunenfelder

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