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NRWA meets with EPA Administrator Pruitt

TULSA, Okla. – On Friday May 5, National Rural Water Association Officers and staff met with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in Tulsa, Okla. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the association to the Administrator and offer the association's expertise and experience as a resource in regulatory affairs as they relate to rural and small community water and wastewater systems.

The discussions centered around regulatory fixes as identified by NRWA membership to include consecutive system issues, TMDLs and others. The Administrator stressed that the agency was in the review process of regulatory issues and encouraged the association to formerly submit comments. The attendees encouraged the agency to view rural and small systems as protectors of public health and the environment as opposed to a regulatory burden.

"The meeting was very informative and the open discussion was very meaningful," said NRWA President Steve Fletcher, who manages Washington

County Water company. “Hopefully this meeting is the start of a collaborative process that results in more affordability consideration in the regulatory review and processes.”

Senior Vice President Steve Wear, Manager of Conway County Regional Water in Arkansas; Vice President David Baird, District Coordinator, Sussex Conservation District in Delaware; Treasurer John O’Connell, Deputy Chief Operator, City of Cortland, New York; and Secretary Kent Watson, Manager Wickson Creed Special Utility District in Bryan, Texas also attended the meeting.