



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Ralph S. Northam
Governor

October 25, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

As chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council (EC) for the Chesapeake Bay Program, I am pleased to invite you to the second of two EC meetings planned during my term. This meeting will be held December 15th and include a private luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Virginia Executive Mansion in Richmond followed by a public meeting in the nearby Patrick Henry Building from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Our first meeting, held on the Lynnhaven River, provided an opportunity to discuss the impacts of climate change on the Chesapeake Bay and take action by signing Directive 21-1, Collective Action for Climate Change. At our next meeting, we will learn about the important work the Chesapeake Bay Program is undertaking in response to the EC's August 2020 Statement in Support of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice. This meeting will also provide an opportunity to hear from our local government, citizens, and scientific and technical advisory committees and to select the next EC chair.

I appreciate your dedication to restoring the Chesapeake Bay watershed and your continued commitment to this regional partnership. While I understand that you have many demands on your time, I hope that you can join me in Richmond for this important gathering and some Virginia hospitality.

Please have your staff send your RSVP or any questions about the meeting to Ann F. Jennings, Virginia Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources at

ann.jennings@governor.virginia.gov or Rachel Felver with the Chesapeake Bay Program at rfelver@chesapeakebay.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph S. Northam", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ralph S. Northam
Governor

Cc: Diana Escher, Acting Regional Administrator