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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Development of the FY 2015 Addendum to the FY 2014 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance

**FROM:**  David Bloom  
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**TO:** Deputy Assistant Administrators  
Deputy Regional Administrators  
Associate Administrators

I am pleased to announce a new approach to the National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance process beginning with an exceptions-based FY 2015 Addendum to the FY 2014 NPM Guidances. OCFO's Technical Guidance provides the instructions for Addendum development (available online: [http://intranet.epa.gov/ocfo/npm\\_guidance/npmguidance.htm](http://intranet.epa.gov/ocfo/npm_guidance/npmguidance.htm)).

The NPM Guidance plays a pivotal role in implementing the Administrator's theme of advancing a new era of state, tribal, and local partnerships. The Addendum allows us to take a pause this year and work together to develop and implement an approach for a two-year NPM Guidance process beginning with FY 2016-2017. Our goal is to better align our NPM Guidances with the National Environmental Performance Partnership System to more effectively advance the achievement of agency priorities identified in the Administrator's themes, draft *FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan* and our Annual Plan and Budget.

As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Enterprise, we envision working with states and tribes to jointly develop priorities; define mutually supportive roles and responsibilities for program implementation and partnership; support flexibility, innovation, and efficiency in executing our shared responsibilities; and establish a process for early state engagement.

I thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to improving this important performance management process.

If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact Kathy O'Brien at (202) 564-1167 or have your staff contact Marc Vincent at (202) 564-0876.

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