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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Kickoff of FY 2016-2017 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance  
Development

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**TO:** General Counsel  
Assistant Administrators  
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This memorandum initiates the new two-year FY 2016-2017 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance process that was designed to advance a new era of partnerships with states and tribes and build on our efforts to develop clear and concise NPM Guidances. OCFO's Technical Guidance (available online at: <http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances>) details the new approach that we developed in collaboration with our state and tribal partners through the NPM Guidance/NEPPS Partnership Workgroup, as well as instructions to streamline the NPM Guidances.

Specifically, the NPM Guidances will reflect the key changes for: (1) earlier and more meaningful state and tribal engagement in joint priority-setting and commitment-setting; (2) clear and transparent support for flexibility within the NPM Guidances; and (3) better alignment of NPM and Grant Guidances. The success of this effort depends on your continued leadership and support for implementing these changes. We will evaluate progress at critical milestones to ensure that input from our state and tribal partners is reflected in our priorities, NPM Guidances, and annual commitments.

I thank you for your continued commitment to strengthen our collaboration with our state and tribal partners. If you have any questions regarding this effort, please contact me or Kathy O'Brien at 202-564-1167, or have your staff contact Marc Vincent at 202-564-0876.

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