



Dear Colleagues,

As many of you are aware, annual funding for the government expires at midnight tonight (Thursday, February 8, 2018).

Prudent management requires that we be prepared for all contingencies, including the possibility that a lapse in appropriated funding could occur. [EPA's Contingency Plan for Shutdown](#) calls for the agency to assess whether there are sufficient carryover funds to operate for a period of time in the event of a lapse in funding and a government shutdown. We have done that assessment and determined that EPA has sufficient carryover funds to operate for a limited period of time.

EPA will remain open on Friday, February 9, and Monday, February 12, 2018, in the event of a government shutdown. All EPA employees should follow their normal work schedule for Friday and Monday. We will be closely monitoring our expenditures, and all travel during this period must be approved by the Administrator's Office. Should the shutdown occur and remain in place through Monday, we will provide further updates on the agency's operating status.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and patience through this process, and for all that you do for the EPA and the American people.

Administrator Pruitt