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Dear Stakeholder:

I am happy to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has published online our '*Principles for an Energy Water Future.*' This two-page document lists what we believe are six principles to guide us all toward a more sustainable energy and water future.

We know that many of your organizations have long been focused on the energy-water nexus as a key component of sustainability and an important part of managing our nation's water and energy infrastructure. The EPA also recognizes that the energy-water nexus has a direct impact on water and air quality as well, such as energy's impact on water, and water's energy footprint as it impacts air quality.

We encourage you to read and share the '*Principles for an Energy Water Future.*' The principles are easily recognizable: water and energy efficiency, a water-wise energy sector, an energy-wise water sector, viewing wastewater as a source of renewable resources, integrated resource planning, and maximizing social benefits. We hope that having them listed in one document that touches upon all aspects of energy's and water's interdependency will help to further raise awareness, stimulate discussion and advance progress.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Bob Rose of my staff at (202) 564-0322 or [rose.bob@epa.gov](mailto:rose.bob@epa.gov). You can find the principles at <http://water.epa.gov/action/energywater.cfm>. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy K. Stoner".

Nancy K. Stoner  
Acting Assistant Administrator