



May 4, 2020

Mr. David Ross
Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington, DC 20460

Re: Request for 60-Day Extension of the Comment Period Relating to the Request for Information on WaterSense,” 85 Fed. Reg. 20,268 (April 10, 2020) - Docket No. [EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0026]

Dear Assistant Administrator Ross:

We are requesting a 60-day extension on the comment period for the above-referenced Request for Information as published in the Federal Register on April 10, 2020.

As a stakeholder-based nonprofit organization dedicated to the efficient and sustainable use of water, the Alliance for Water Efficiency serves as a North American advocate for water-efficient products and programs. Our members include public and private water utilities, water conservation professionals, planners, regulators, and consumers. We have been an integral participant in the WaterSense program since its inception and have worked closely with the EPA, industry and consumer groups to encourage and nurture this extraordinarily successful public-private partnership.

We are vitally interested in contributing to the referenced Request for Information. But we are finding that our members’ attention is understandably focused on dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. As you well know, the pandemic is causing major disruption in the activities of businesses, government agencies and organizations. And because many of our members are organizations which must gain the approval of their directors before taking any policy position, coordinating such approvals is proving extremely difficult given the separation and isolation brought on by the pandemic. The added time we are requesting is needed so that our members can provide us with the detailed and thorough data and information that your request for comments deserves.

Your consideration of our request for an extension is greatly appreciated. Please contact me at maryann@a4we.org with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Ann Dickinson".

Mary Ann Dickinson
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