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Many Mayors, as well as my senior staff, have worked with Ms. Susan Bodine over the past 20 plus years. Originally, in her role as counsel as the Transportation and Infrastructure Water subcommittee on Water, then as Assistant Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, in her private practice for the law firm Barnes and Thornburg, and finally in her current role as counsel for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

We have worked with Ms. Bodine on such matters as Brownfields Redevelopment (including development of the original law as well as the current reauthorization bill), water and wastewater infrastructure and regulations (including Combined Sewer Overflows consent decrees, Integrated Planning, and Financial Capability), and Army Corps issues to name a few.

Throughout these years, working with Ms. Bodine has been a real pleasure and she has been an asset in every job she has done. She is extremely thoughtful, knowledgeable and professional and has an understanding of the importance of protecting the environment and public health and to do so in an economically responsible way. Her common sense approach to environmental protection and infrastructure investment is widely respected among her peers and my Mayors.

While we are sorry to lose her in her current role, she would be a welcome asset at the EPA.