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OFFICE OF  
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MANAGEMENT

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Dear Assistance Agreement/Fellowship Recipient:

As you know, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 mandates across-the-board spending cuts (known as sequestration) be ordered on March 1, 2013. As required by law, the President issued a sequestration order cancelling billions in budgetary resources across the federal government for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. Given the significance of the EPA's relationships with the states, tribes, and other stakeholders, it is important to me that we keep you informed about what these budget cuts mean for the agency and its partners.

As a result of sequestration, the agency's overall budget will be reduced for the remainder of the fiscal year, impacting our employees and our programs. In the face of these reductions, the agency is doing everything possible to protect mission critical activities to the greatest extent possible. To the extent that your grant/fellowship agreement is affected due to these budget cuts, you will be contacted by the appropriate Grants Officer with additional details, and we are committed to working closely with you to manage any changes affecting your grant/fellowship agreement.

I thank you for your continued support and partnership with the EPA, and for your cooperation as we work together to manage these unfortunate circumstances. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Corcoran.Howard@epa.gov](mailto:Corcoran.Howard@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard Corcoran", is written over a horizontal line.

Howard Corcoran  
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