



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



This email message is being sent to EPA employees.

Colleagues,

For the past several months, the EPA and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) have been discussing a return to the bargaining table after the Agency implemented a Contract in July of this year. Today, we reached an agreement in which the union would withdraw pending litigation over the July implementation, and the parties would return to the bargaining table. The parties will negotiate matters important to our employees, including telework, work schedules, and leave.

The July contract will remain in effect until a new agreement is reached. The parties have committed to conclude negotiations by April 15, 2020, and if necessary, work with the Federal Service Impasses Panel to address any impasses.

The Agency remains dedicated to bargaining in good faith with its unions, and looks forward to sitting down with AFGE in the coming weeks and months to complete negotiations in a timely manner, to benefit our employees and the American public.

Andrew Wheeler
Administrator