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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Tribal colleagues:

As many of you now know, Carol Jorgensen, director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's American Indian Environmental Office, passed away unexpectedly last Thursday night.

We are all deeply saddened and will miss Carol terribly. We will remember her both as a warm and caring woman and as a life-long champion of environmental protection in Indian country and Alaska Native Villages. We express our sympathy to you, our tribal partners and colleagues, for your great loss.

Please know that to honor Carol's memory, we at EPA will continue her hard work to ensure that our partnership is strengthened and that the environment and health of your communities are protected.

Sincerely,

Lisa P. Jackson