

## Senate EPW Committee Holds Hearing on Nomination of Alexandra Dunn to Lead OCSP



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On November 29, 2018, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) held a hearing on the nomination of Alexandra Dapolito Dunn to be the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assistant Administrator (AA) for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSP). The hearing was webcast and is available on the [EPW Committee website](#).

In a rare sharing of bipartisan support for a Trump Administration nominee, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) introduced Ms. Dunn, stating "Ms. Dunn has a deep passion for working with communities, for environmental justice, and for leveraging the expertise of nongovernmental organizations." Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) stated he was encouraged by her plans for the office. Ms. Dunn assured lawmakers that, if confirmed, she will "commit to implementing the law, following the law, and bringing

all the provisions of the law to full effect.” Dunn also emphasized her intention, if confirmed, to leverage the experience and expertise of EPA career staff, including establishing “open door” hours dedicated to connecting with career staff. Dunn’s [written testimony](#) is available on the EPW Committee website. Senators may submit additional questions for the record (QFR) through November 29, 2018, for Ms. Dunn’s response by **December 3, 2018**. It is being reported that Ms. Dunn could be confirmed as early as **next week** assuming there are no objections.

Ms. Dunn has been serving as the Regional Administrator for EPA’s New England Region (Region 1) since January of this year. Prior to joining EPA, Ms. Dunn served as Executive Director and General Counsel for the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to helping state agencies improve environment outcomes for Americans. More information on Ms. Dunn’s experience and accolades is available in EPA’s [press release announcing her nomination](#).

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