



# MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

This email message is being sent to EPA employees.

Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to join us on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon ET for the first-ever raising of the LGBTQ+ flag in honor of Pride Month.

I am excited to be part of this historic event. For the first time in EPA's 50-year history, we proudly raise this flag alongside the U.S. and EPA flags outside of our headquarters.

The 1969 Stonewall uprising is widely recognized as a catalyst for the gay rights movement – a movement that has evolved over the last 50 years. The flag we will fly reflects the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and builds on the original rainbow design to include the transgender community and LGBTQ+ communities of color.

Too many LGBTQ+ Americans across our nation continue to face discrimination and hate. I'm proud to be part of an Administration that is deeply committed to confronting longstanding inequities and upholding our nation's promise of equality, liberty, and justice for all. No one should face discrimination or harassment because of who they are or whom they love.

For EPA HQ staff who will be working in the building on June 1<sup>st</sup>, you are invited to gather on the 12<sup>th</sup> Street green space outside WJC-N. For others, including our regional colleagues, we will be live streaming the event on Instagram, which you can watch at [@EPAMichaelRegan](#). We will have a fully closed captioned version available for viewing on our [YouTube channel](#) following the event.

We look forward to seeing you on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Administrator