Cooperative Federalism In the Trump Administration

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"Cooperative federalism is key to maintaining clean air," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Scott Pruitt Former Oklahoma AG & Current EPA Administrator



"What we see with the current EPA approach is almost an attitude that the states are a mere vessel of federal will...." --Scott Pruitt, 2015

"It's a paternalism . . . to say: 'We know best, you cannot take care of yourselves.'" -- Scott Pruitt, 2015



Susan Bodine Assistant Administrator for OECA



I appreciate that most of our environmental laws are built around the framework of cooperative federalism. Under cooperative federalism, states and the federal government have important and complementary roles in implementing federal environmental statutes.

Communication with state agencies is a critical part of cooperative federalism.

CAA Provisions re State Federal Relationship

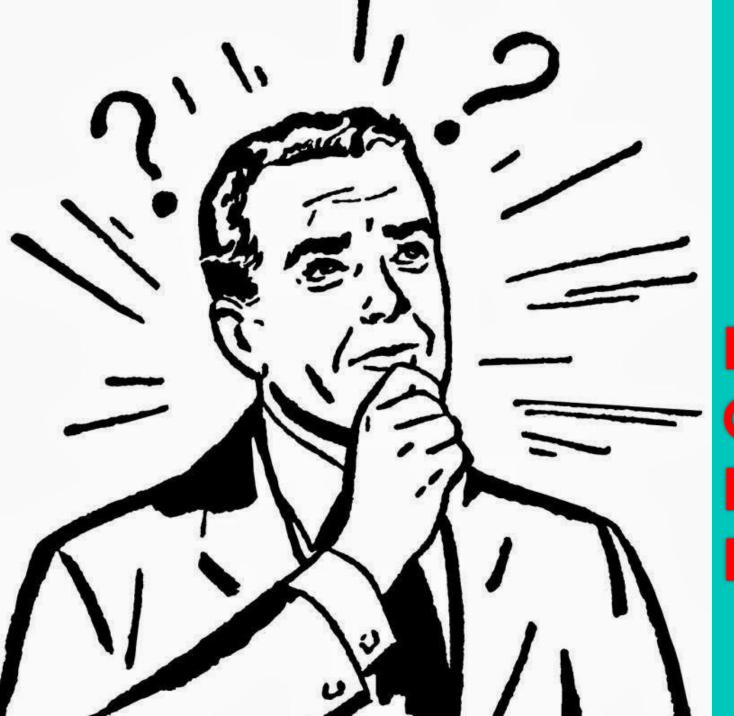
The Congress finds ... that air pollution prevention and air pollution control at its source is the primary responsibility of States and local governments.

Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §7401(a)(3)

U.S. Supreme Court says:

The 1970 Clean Air Act establishes a "division of responsibilities" between the state and federal governments commonly known as "cooperative federalism."

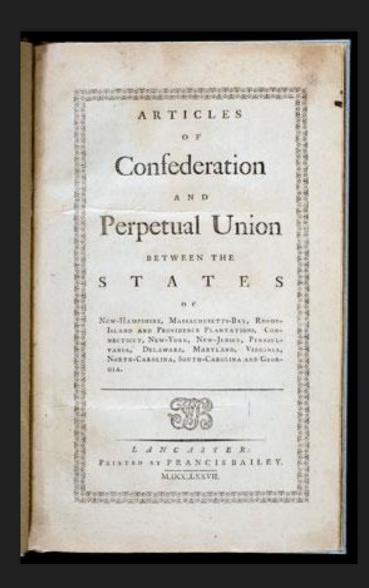
Train v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., 421 US 60 (Supreme Court 1975)



Cooperative Federalism?

Federalism?
Confederalism?
Federalist Society?
Dual Federalism?

Before "Cooperative Federalism"



- 11-15-77 sent to the 13 states for ratification
- Climited central government
- OPreserved independence and sovereignty of states
- O'The . . . States . . . enter into a firm league of friendship with each other, for their common defense, the security of their liberties, and their mutual and general welfare "



This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States ... shall be the supreme Law of the Land... any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding. (Article 6, Sec. 2)

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Amendment X.

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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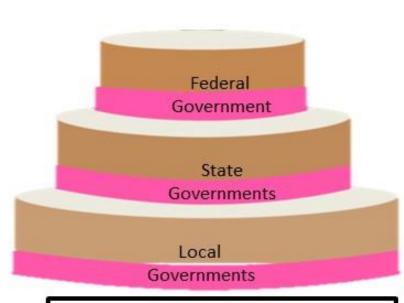


The Kentucky Resolution of 1798

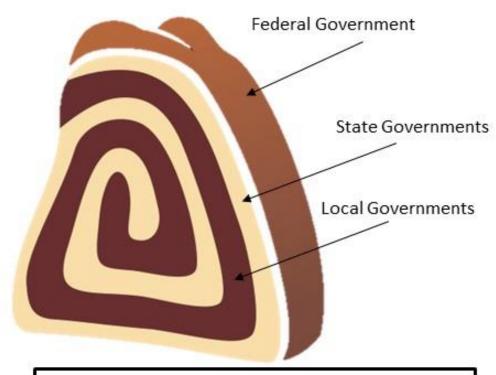
States' Resolutions of 1798 Resolved,

That the several States . . . of America, are not united on the principle of unlimited submission to their general government...and that whensoever the general government assumes undelegated powers, its acts are unauthoritative, void, and of no force...that the government created by this compact was not made the exclusive or final judge of the extent of the powers delegated to itself; since that would have made its discretion, and not the Constitution, the measure of its powers....

inter-Governmental Relationships



"Layer Cake" Federalism based on delineated and clearly separate levels of authority



"Marble Cake" Federalism based on cooperation and intermixing of powers and responsibilities between national, state and local levels of authority



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Cooperative Federalism 2.0

"A Recalibration" of the Federal-State Relationship

Examples - FIPs

Clean Air Act FIPs promulgated by EPA

During George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W.

Bush = 5

During Barack Obama + 50

Examples – Sue and Settle

Between 2009 and 2012, EPA chose not to defend itself in over 60 lawsuits from special interest advocacy groups. These cases resulted in settlement agreements and EPA publishing more than 100 new regulations - including the Clean Power Plan.

Examples – Sue and Settle

"The days of regulation through litigation are over," – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

But Note – Challenges from Citizens

Among others, a petition submitted by Sierra Club seeking an objection by EPA to the significant Title V permit modification, Permit No. 561209 (hereafter "Proposed Permit"), proposed by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") for Tennessee Valley Authority's Gallatin Fossil Plant ("Gallatin").

EPA News Release 12/22/2017

"EPA Advances Cooperative Federalism
Through Designation Process for Sulfur Dioxide and Ozone Standards"

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