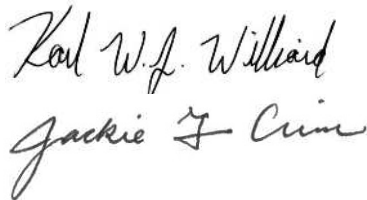


## Letter from the Editors

We are pleased to introduce a new feature of the *Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education*: Perspective Pieces. We invited experts in the water arena to give us their perspectives on a water issue near and dear to them. In this issue, Dr. Len Shabman, Senior Fellow at Resources for the Future, shares his thoughts on the federal role in river management and the need to reframe the discussion. Dr. Don Siegel, Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at Syracuse University, offers us some thought provoking insights on the current state of public discourse on environmental issues. Perspective pieces were a hallmark of our journal since its inception as *Water Resources Update* in 1964 and our editorial team wanted to reemphasize this feature in 2019 after a long absence. So, please enjoy Dr. Shabman's and Dr. Siegel's pieces and we invite you to consider sharing your perspectives on an important water issue with our readership. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The first signature is 'Karl W.J. Williard' and the second is 'Jackie F. Crim'. Both are written in dark ink.

Karl W.J. Williard and Jackie F. Crim  
Co-Editors, *Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education*