Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works Hearing: Perspectives on the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act

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The United States Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works held a March 15th hearing titled:

Implementing Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Perspectives on the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act ("Hearing")

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act ("IIJA") has been described as providing the largest investment in drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in United States history. This will include the rehabilitation and updating the nation's water infrastructure. IIJA funding for water projects will be channeled through State Revolving Loan Fund programs for drinking water and wastewater. These are administered jointly by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state, tribal, and territorial agencies. $55 billion is provided over five years for water infrastructure needs. This includes:

- $11.7 billion to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- $15 billion to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for lead service line replacement
- $4 billion to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for emerging contaminants
- $5 billion for water infrastructure improvements for the nation (WIIN grants) to address emerging contaminants
- $11.7 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- $1 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for emerging contaminants

The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission administers this fund in the State of Arkansas.

Witnesses discussing this issue at the Senate *Hearing* included:

The Honorable Radhika Fox

Assistant Administrator

Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency

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Randy E. Hayman Esq.

Commissioner and CEO

Philadelphia Water Department

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Thomas W. Sigmund

President, Executive Director

National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NEW Water

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Division of Water and Waste Management, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection

03-15-2023 Katheryn Emery, P.E., Testimony