

Use of American Iron and Steel

In the FFY 2014 Congressional Appropriation for the CWSRF and the DWSRF, Congress included a provision requiring the use of American iron and steel. **This requirement applies to any project where the plans and specifications were approved after January 16, 2014**, except as noted below.

Two national waivers to this requirement have been approved. The first waiver is a De Minimis Waiver for incidental components of eligible water infrastructure projects. The waiver states that “Funds used for such de minimis incidental components cumulatively may comprise no more than a total of 5 percent of the total cost of the materials used in and incorporated into a project; the cost of an individual item may not exceed 1 percent of the total cost of the materials used in and incorporated into a project.” The second waiver is a Plan and Specifications Waiver. This waiver is for projects which had engineering plans and specifications submitted to the appropriate state agency prior to and including January 17, 2014 and approved between and including January 17 and April 15, 2014 (the date the waiver was signed).

The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. For more information on this requirement, please see EPA’s website at: http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/aisrequirement.cfm.