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The Environmental Loans E-Bulletin is written by staff in the WI DNR Environmental Loans Section to provide up-to-date information on both the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). These E-Bulletins are sent periodically to alert you to upcoming deadlines, highlight program changes and provide assistance on topics that need clarification.

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Davis Bacon Interviews no longer Mandatory

On November 16, 2012, EPA agreed to remove the requirement for employee interviews on SRF funded projects.

Instead, interviews are **encouraged** if you suspect that a contractor or subcontractor is at risk for violating prevailing wage requirements, either through personal experience, or past allegations. If a violation is alleged or reported, the recipient must conduct the necessary investigation, which may include interviews.

The policy applies to all ongoing projects as well as projects that have not yet begun construction.



CME Judy Hayducsko explains aeration systems to new staff

Help Us Get the SDWLP Project Priority List Published Sooner!

We have heard from a few municipalities that would like to see this list published sooner. We would too! Here are a couple of tips that might help!

One project or multiple projects?

It takes staff time to split projects once the ITA arrives. You can save us time by submitting separate ITAs for individual projects. As a general rule, SDWLP projects should correct a *single* major problem within the system so that we can allocate SDWLP funds based on the priority score for the problem each individual component is addressing in the system.

Provide a water system map when proposing a looping project.

“Looping” typically refers to the elimination of a dead end water main by constructing an additional water main from the dead end to another water main to complete a “loop”. Sometimes water mains that are constructed to better integrate a major water system component (like a well, reservoir or tank) into the water system or the construction of a second water main to serve an isolated portion of the distribution system are referred to as a “loop”.

Identify the problem needing to be solved!

Clearly identify what problem your project is trying to solve in the project description and make sure the project description is the same on the ITA and PERF

Provide all relevant information (such as sample results, pressure testing, PSC report, sanitary surveys, well pump run times, maps, etc...) to justify all points requested on the PERF

And remember – any project that is primarily for future growth and/or fire protection (above the minimum requirements in NR 811) is not loan eligible.

You are always welcome to call Jim Witthuhn – Drink Water and Groundwater Bureau for specific questions on your PERF form (608-267-9659). These tips and other helpful information can be found in our Reference Guide at <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/Guide.html>.

SFY 2014 ITA and PERF Deadline Fast Approaching!

The 'tick tock' clock is ticking...

SFY 2014 ITAs and PERFs need to be submitted to the DNR by 12/31/2012.

Due to the holidays, **hand delivered** submissions **must be received by Friday, 12/28/12 at 4:30 PM.**

The postmark deadline for ITA forms is 12/31/2012. Forms are available at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/aid/documents/eif/forms/forms.html>.

CWFP Final Funding List Now Available!

The SFY 2013 CWFP final funding list can be found at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/LoanNews.html#tabx2>.

Remember: projects for which principal forgiveness is identified cannot receive principal forgiveness funds until after the Legislature passes enabling legislation giving DNR authority to award those funds. Until that occurs, loan agreements will contain language referring to “conditional” principal forgiveness.

Any loans that close prior to us having the authority to award PF in SFY 2013 will have their early disbursements be in the form of loan funds.

PF disbursements will occur as soon as our agency has authority to award those funds.

REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL CME PRIOR TO YOUR PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING!

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