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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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SDWLP Update - Project Priority List, Application Deadline and Loan Closings

The **final SDWLP Project Priority List** is now available on the web at: http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/news/SDWLP_SFY_2014_FINAL_PPL.pdf. This list includes all projects for which SFY 2014 ITAs have been received. We footnoted several projects on the list that are being funded in SFY '13 and as such will not need SFY '14 funding. In addition, the Governor signed a bill last week allowing Joint Local Water Authorities to be included in the definition of a "municipality" eligible for funding under the SDWLP, and we included one Water Authority on the SFY '14 list. DNR is still evaluating the Project Priority Score for that project and will update this list to reflect their score once that process is completed.

Remember that the **SFY 2014 SDWLP application deadline is June 30, 2013**. Because this date falls on a Sunday, the statute requires us to allow hand-delivered applications as well as post marks and shipping dates of Monday, July 1, 2013. This is also the deadline for **CWFP Hardship applications**.

**Remember to use the most recent application form, revised 3/13, for your SFY '14 submittal: http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/forms/8700262_Ext.pdf*

Please note: If you have previously submitted a SDWLP application, you do not need to resubmit an entire new application for SFY '14, but you do need to submit new pages 1 through 7, any pages in Part V for which updates are needed and a copy of the municipality's most recent financial audit by the June 30th deadline.

Lastly, because many projects on the SFY '13 SDWLP Funding List delayed their closings until the Department had the authority to award principal forgiveness, Environmental Loans staff and DOA Capitol Finance staff have been diligent in assuring **more than 25 SDWLP loan closings** are completed before the June 30th statutory deadline.



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Future Partnership Anticipated to Integrate Energy Efficiency Incentives and EIF Awards

DNR staff and managers have been meeting with staff and managers at Focus on Energy to determine whether we can integrate the disbursement of energy efficiency incentives offered by Focus on Energy with the Environmental Improvement Fund loan/principal forgiveness awards. While implementation details have yet to be worked out between DNR, the Department of Administration and Focus on Energy, initial discussions have been positive and we anticipate more information will be forthcoming.

Focus on Energy helps Wisconsin businesses lower operational costs and improve their bottom lines through energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Participating in Focus on Energy business programs can help municipalities manage energy costs, control energy demand, protect the environment and promote in-state economic development. Focus on Energy offers incentives of up to \$200,000 per project and \$400,000 per customer per year for the purchase and installation of energy efficient equipment and process improvements. Check the Focus on Energy website for details (<http://www.focusonenergy.com/business>) or call Focus on Energy at 800-762-7077.

Because Focus on Energy is highlighting water and energy efficiencies that can be achieved with municipal water works projects, the collaboration between us will hopefully result in greater awareness of the program as well as greater participation in implementing higher water efficiency equipment and processes. This effort also syncs perfectly with the federal desire for more sustainable projects.

Ultimately, combining EIF resources with Focus on Energy incentives for greater energy efficient projects will result in long-term fiscal savings for municipalities and energy and water savings for all!

Upcoming Deadlines!!

June 30th:

Deadline for SFY '14 SDWLP applications
Deadline for SFY '14 CWFP Hardship applications

September 30th:

Deadline for SFY '14 CWFP Principal Forgiveness Applications

(Because June 30, 2013 is on a Sunday, the statute requires us to allow hand delivered applications as well as applications with postmark or shipping dates of July 1st to meet the deadline.)

Revised application forms are now on the web:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EIF/forms/forms.html>

RULE REVISION PROCESS MOVING FORWARD

The Governor approved the Scope Statement for revising chs. NR 162 (Clean Water Fund Program) and NR 166 (Safe Drinking Water Loan Program). The Natural Resources Board (NRB) will be asked to approve the scope statement at their June 26th meeting. Once the NRB approves the Scope Statement, the Department can begin working with internal and external partners to update these codes.

We will provide more information on this process as we move forward. The rule revision process as established by Governor Walker in Executive Order #50 includes an Economic Impact Analysis as well as other procedures that must be followed before rule revisions can be submitted to the Governor and Legislature. We anticipate final rule changes will be ready for legislative review during their 2015 legislative session.

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

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