

## Economic Stimulus Information

### Clean Water Fund Program & Safe Drinking Water Loan Program

Update #6 – August 3, 2009

The following paragraphs contain additional information regarding how Wisconsin intends to use economic stimulus funds provided to the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) and the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). ARRA implementation plans continue to evolve; we will post new information as it becomes available.

- **REMINDER - Important Date! October 1** - The deadline for submitting *executed* construction contracts (signed by the municipality and the construction contractor) to the Bureau of Community Financial Assistance for all ARRA projects in both the CWFP and the SDWLP is October 1, 2009. In order to avoid losing ARRA funds allocated to your municipality's project on the CWFP or SDWLP Funding List, you must submit your executed construction contracts, postmarked, shipped or received by the Department by October 1, 2009.

*For SDWLP projects* -- If your municipality is allocated funds on the Draft SDWLP Funding List and you are certain your municipality cannot meet the October 1, 2009 submittal deadline for executed construction contracts, please contact Jeanne Cargill at 608-267-7587 or [jeanne.cargill@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jeanne.cargill@wisconsin.gov). Until we publish the final funding list, we can change the allocations shown on the list, so we may be able to allocate loan dollars for the entire project if you are interested in closing a loan without ARRA funds prior to April 30, 2010. After the list is published as final, we likely will not be able to provide additional loan dollars to a project if we have to reallocate that project's ARRA funds because it is not ready to proceed.

- **CWFP IUP & Funding List** - The Clean Water Fund Program Intended Use Plan (IUP) and Draft Funding List for projects requesting ARRA funds are now available through a separate link on the News page.

Section 606(c) of the Water Quality Act of 1987 requires that each state prepare an annual IUP. The IUP identifies the uses of the funds in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and describes how those funds support the goals of the Act. The IUP is part of Wisconsin's capitalization grant application package for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 funds including the supplemental grant under the ARRA. After EPA awards Wisconsin's capitalization grants, we will use the grants and state matching funds, as well as other money available in the state revolving fund, to provide financial assistance for wastewater and storm water projects during SFY 2010.

You may submit written comments on the CWFP IUP and attached draft Funding List via mail, fax, or e-mail. Written comments must be postmarked, faxed, or received by DNR by Wednesday, August 12, 2009. Our preference is to receive comments via e-mail. Send e-



mailed comments on the IUP to [rebecca.scott@wisconsin.gov](mailto:rebecca.scott@wisconsin.gov). Submit e-mailed comments on the draft Funding List to [daniel.olson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:daniel.olson@wisconsin.gov). You can mail comments to Becky Scott or Dan Olson at CF/2, WDNR, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Send faxed comments to the attention of Becky Scott or Dan Olson at 608-267-0496.

- **Buy American – Revised de Minimis Waiver** – U.S. EPA issued a revised de minimis national waiver for the Buy American Provision of the ARRA. The main difference between the original waiver and the revised waiver (effective 07/24/09) is that knowing the country of origin no longer precludes an ARRA funding recipient from using this waiver.

A PDF of the revised waiver is available on the Environmental Loans News page at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/EL/Section/news.html>.

- **Additional Information on Buy American and Green Projects** – Please take some time to look at U.S. EPA's economic recovery web pages.  
<http://www.epa.gov/recovery/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/>

These EPA pages have a lot of information available to help recipients comply with the Buy American provision of ARRA, including Buy American waivers, webcasts and guidance. Prior to receiving ARRA funds, municipalities will have to complete a certification form that states they are complying with the Buy American provisions of ARRA. When the form is ready, we will post it on our News web page.

U.S. EPA also posted information to help municipalities and engineering firms identify green project elements that are categorically green and to put together business cases for green project elements that are not categorically green. The SDWLP and CWFP will be contacting municipalities in the fundable range of each program's funding list to obtain more information about the green components of the projects. The programs must be able to show EPA that we are using at least 20% of the ARRA funds to finance green project components.

**Watch for Update #7 and Review Updates #1-#6, if needed.** Please let us know if you have questions about any information we provide in the Economic Stimulus Updates.

