

E-Bulletin Newsletter



To provide affordable financial assistance to communities within Wisconsin for water infrastructure projects that protect and improve public health and water quality for current and future generations.



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Asset Management Training May 10

With limited revenues, aging infrastructure, and regulatory obligations to meet, a comprehensive approach to managing your wastewater system is vital. Asset management provides a framework to help you solve these problems and more.

Asset Management for Wastewater Systems

Free training
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM CDT

Neighborhood House Community Center
 Community Room
 29 S. Mills Street
 Madison, WI 53715

Register now at efcnetwork.org/event/wi-training-asset-management-for-wisconsin-wastewater-systems/

CECs: This training is approved for 4.0 Hours of municipal waterworks and wastewater credits by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Description:

This free workshop begins by covering Asset Management's core components and the overall Asset Management thought process before focusing more specifically on the practical application of asset management concepts for data-informed decision-making using real-world examples.

Learning Objectives:

- Understanding how the practical implementation of asset management core components benefits wastewater systems dealing with aging infrastructure.
- Discuss techniques, tools, and examples for developing asset Inventories and what information should be included in them for robust decision making.
- Know how to develop condition assessment scales and calculate asset criticality.
- Understand how to effectively manage assets by tracking associated costs and activities.

Related resources:

- [Planning for Sustainability for Water & Wastewater Utilities](#)
- [Asset Management for Public Drinking Water Systems](#)

Upcoming Deadlines

Spring

SFY 2024 SDWLP Project Priority List (PPL) - We hope to publish it during the second week of May.

June 30

SFY 24 SDWLP Application deadline if competing for Principal Forgiveness (reminder: submit plans and specifications to DNR Drinking Water and Groundwater as well as with the SDWLP application).

- Priority score reevaluation requests due within 45 days of SDWLP Application deadline date.

June 30

SFY 23 CWFP PF project readiness-to-proceed deadline (ALL required bid documentation, including executed construction contracts, due).

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dnr.wi.gov/aid/eif.html | CWFP phone: 608-358-3330 | SDWLP phone: 608-720-0802 | [staff directory webpage](#)



Program implementation details are outlined in chs. [NR 162](#) and [NR 166](#), Wis. Adm. Code. [Legal notice](#): This document is intended solely as guidance and does not contain any mandatory requirements except where requirements found in federal regulations or state statutes or administrative rules are referenced. Any regulatory decisions made by the Department of Natural Resources in any matter addressed by this guidance will be made by applying the governing federal regulations and state statutes and administrative rules to the relevant facts. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunity in its employment, programs, services, and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to Equal Opportunity Office, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. This publication is available in alternative format upon request, call 608-267-9481 for more information.

SFY 2024 SDWLP Draft IUP and Webinar

The draft State Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Intended Use Plan was posted to our [Project Lists & IUPs page](#) on May 2, 2023, for a 30-day public comment period. We sent an email notification to approximately 2,400 recipients.

Intended Use Plan (IUP)

The SFY 2024 SDWLP IUP includes detailed descriptions of the changes made to the program relating to the implementation of the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#). Thank you for your patience as we continue work to incorporate the additional BIL funding into our programs.

With the SDWLP application deadline approaching quickly (June 30), we want to provide a preview of some of the more noteworthy changes that are included in the State Fiscal Year 2024 SDWLP IUP:

- BIL-Funded Emerging Contaminants Program (PFAS)
- BIL-Funded Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Webinar

We are hosting a webinar during the public comment period on **Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM (CT)** to discuss proposed changes in this draft IUP and respond to questions from attendees. You are invited to join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86268724162>.

The webinar will be recorded and posted along with its slide show handout to the Project Lists & IUPs page.

Public comments

Written comments on the draft IUP will be taken through June 1, 2023. Please send comments to Casey Sweeney at Casey.Sweeney@wisconsin.gov.

Note: The draft SFY 2024 Clean Water Fund Program IUP is anticipated to be posted for public comments in June.



PPLs, IUPs, and Funding Lists

Project Priority Lists, Intended Use Plans, & Funding Lists are posted to our [Project Lists & IUPs page](#)

Documenting BIL Signage Compliance

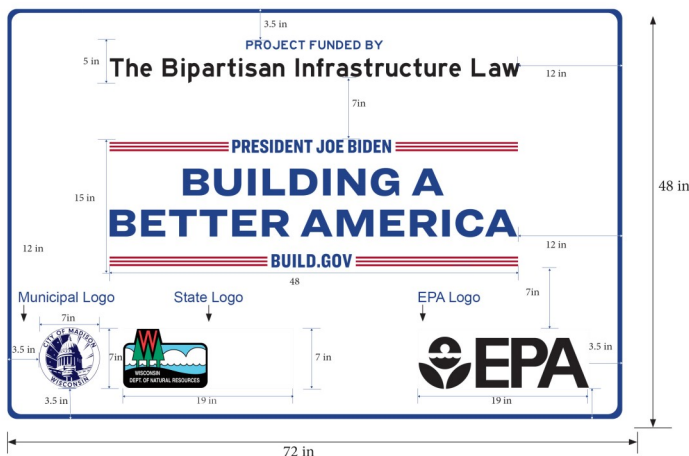
Municipal recipients of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding are required to place a physical sign that displays the official *Building a Better America* emblem at the construction site. The sign must be placed in an easily visible location that can be directly linked to the work taking place and must be maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.

To document the use of BIL signage, municipal funding recipients or their authorized consultants must upload a photo of the sign to the [online system](#).

After the loan closing, when DNR receives the municipality's next disbursement request, the assigned loan project manager will confirm whether an appropriate photo is uploaded.

The [BIL Signage Packet](#) contains guidance on how to design the sign; links to download the EPA and DNR logos; and logo variations, usage, and placement.

More information, including applicable projects, is available on our [BIL Signage Requirement page](#).



This is an illustrated example of a photo documenting the use of BIL signage.

Due May 31 - ITA/PERF Deadline Waiver Requests for SFY 24 SDWLP Emerging Contaminants & LSL Projects

The first year of [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law \(BIL\)](#) Lead Service Line (LSL) funding and year two of BIL Emerging Contaminants (EC) funding for drinking water projects will be integrated into the regular Safe Drinking Water Loan Program State Fiscal Year 2024 funding cycle.

Given that the details of these funding programs were not available at the SFY 2024 ITA/PERF submittal deadline, we are offering flexibility for those who may have missed the deadline.

ITA/PERF deadline adjustment

If you are interested in applying but did not submit an [Intent to Apply \(ITA\)](#) with Priority Evaluation and Ranking Formula (PERF) information by the October 31, 2022 deadline, or you would like to submit another ITA/PERF with a different project scope, you can request a waiver to this deadline (for SFY 2024 only).

Email your ITA/PERF deadline variance request and include the WAMS ID of the person who will submit the ITA/PERF to the appropriate contact by **May 31, 2023** (earlier is encouraged):

- EC Program - Ryan Atkinson at Ryan.Atkinson@Wisconsin.gov
- LSL Program - Becky Scott at Rebecca.Scott@Wisconsin.gov

Update New Officials' Contact Information

We need to have the correct contact information on file for the people in your municipality involved with a Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) or Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) project, regardless of where you are in the funding process.

Please inform your DNR loan project manager of any newly elected officials and provide any new or updated contact information:

- name
- municipal title
- mailing address
- phone number
- email address (required)



You must submit a complete ITA/PERF through the online system before you can fill out the application.

Application deadline

Submit SFY 2024 SDWLP Applications for LSL and EC projects through the [online system](#) by **June 30, 2023**.

- For EC projects - include approvable plans and specifications and the additional [SDWLP EC PERF \(Form 8700-399\)](#), specific to EC Principal Forgiveness.
- For LSL projects - include the additional updated [SDWLP LSL PERF \(Form 8700-383\)](#) and complete the [Environmental Review \(ER\) module](#) in the online system.

Guidance

DNR strongly recommends that you give yourself *at least a couple of weeks* to complete the online application.

To help applicants through the application process, information, instructions, and guidance documents are on our [Online Systems page](#).

Recruitment for Environmental Loans Project Positions

The Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Community Financial Assistance (CFA) is recruiting to fill 4 project positions in the Environmental Loans (EL) Section.

The job openings (with full position descriptions) will likely be announced on Friday, May 5, 2023, through [Wisc.Jobs](#)

The deadline to apply will be listed in the job posting.

These positions are excellent opportunities for anyone considering a career focused on the environment and the water/wastewater industry. If you are interested in this type of opportunity with the DNR, please apply!

Contact information

If you have questions about a position, please reach out to either EL Section Manager:

- Becky Scott at 608-513-9351 or Rebecca.Scott@wisconsin.gov
- Matt Marcum at 608-575-8825 or MatthewR.Marcum@wisconsin.gov