

**STABENOW-INHOFE-PETERS-PORTMAN-BROWN-KIRK-REED- BURR-
DURBIN-BOXER**
DRINKING WATER SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Funding for WRRDA 2014 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (WIFIA) Fund - provides at least \$700 million in financing

- **All water systems are eligible for WIFIA loans.**
- Provides a net **\$70 million** in WIFIA credit subsidies with the goal of obligating **at least \$700 million** in secured financing for water infrastructure projects across the country.
- WIFIA is a new financing mechanism for water infrastructure projects that was created in 2014. It is modeled on the successful TIFIA program for transportation projects.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - \$100 million

- Provides **\$100 million** to the DWSRF for subsidized loans and grants in FY2016 and FY2017 to any state that receives an emergency declaration under the Stafford Act due to a public health threat from lead or other contaminants in a public drinking water supply system.
- A state must submit to EPA a detailed report on how the funding would be used to address the public health emergency. That plan must be approved before financing is obligated.
- **Funding that is not obligated within 18 months after enactment is transferred to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Fund.**

Public Notification

- Not later than 15 days after being alerted to an exceedance of a lead action level, EPA shall notify the public of the concentrations of lead found in the monitoring activity conducted by the public water system if the public water system or the State does not notify the public of the concentrations of lead found in a monitoring activity.

State Option for Debt Forgiveness

- Any state with an emergency declaration under the Stafford Act due to a public health threat from lead or other contaminants in a public drinking water supply can use its FY2016 DWSRF allotment to forgive outstanding debt on DWSRF loans incurred prior to this fiscal year. In addition, the 20% cap on amount of the

FY2016 DWSRF allotment that can be utilized for principal forgiveness is lifted for these states.

Public Health - \$50 million

- Appropriates **\$17.5 million** for HHS Secretary to conduct a health registry to monitor health in a community with lead contamination in the local drinking water system, through the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry or to support an existing registry via a grant or contract.
- Appropriates **\$2.5 million** to create an advisory committee to review federal efforts related to lead poisoning programming, research, and services, and to make recommendations to Congress and the Administration on how to improve health, education, and nutrition responses.
- Appropriates **\$10 million** over FY2016 and FY2017 for the CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Fund, which develops programs, educates the public and health providers, supports research, and provides funding to states to address and prevent childhood lead poisoning.
- Appropriates **\$10 million** over FY2016 and FY2017 for the HUD Healthy Homes Program, which provides grants to states to identify and mitigate a variety of environmental health and safety issues such as lead, mold, carbon monoxide, and radon.
- Appropriates **\$10 million** over FY2017 and FY2018 for the HHS Healthy Start Initiative. This program provides assistance to pregnant women and new mothers and connects them with health care and other resources needed to foster healthy childhood development.

Oversight

- The Attorney General and Inspector General of the EPA will report to the Senate and House committees of jurisdiction on the status of ongoing investigations into the state and federal responses to the contamination of Flint's drinking water supply. Not later than 30 days after these investigations are completed, the Comptroller General of the United States is required to review and report on the adequacy of the state's and EPA's response to the water contamination.

Offset

- **\$250 million** from rescinding the credit subsidy for new Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) loans issued after October 1, 2020.