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# 2025 Policy Outlook

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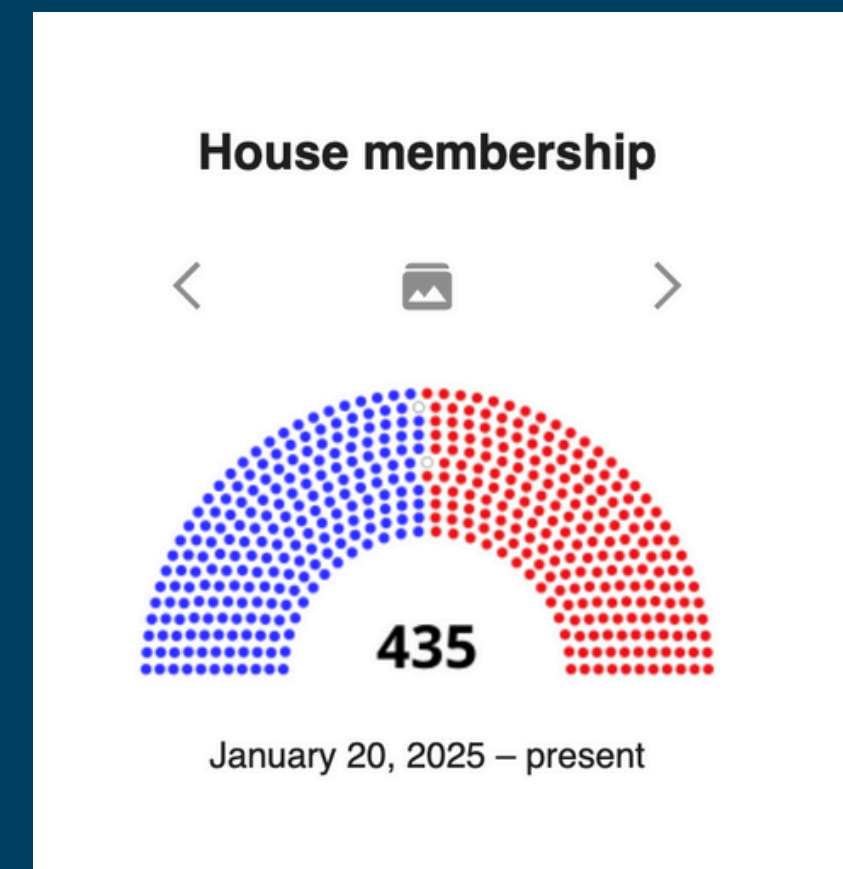
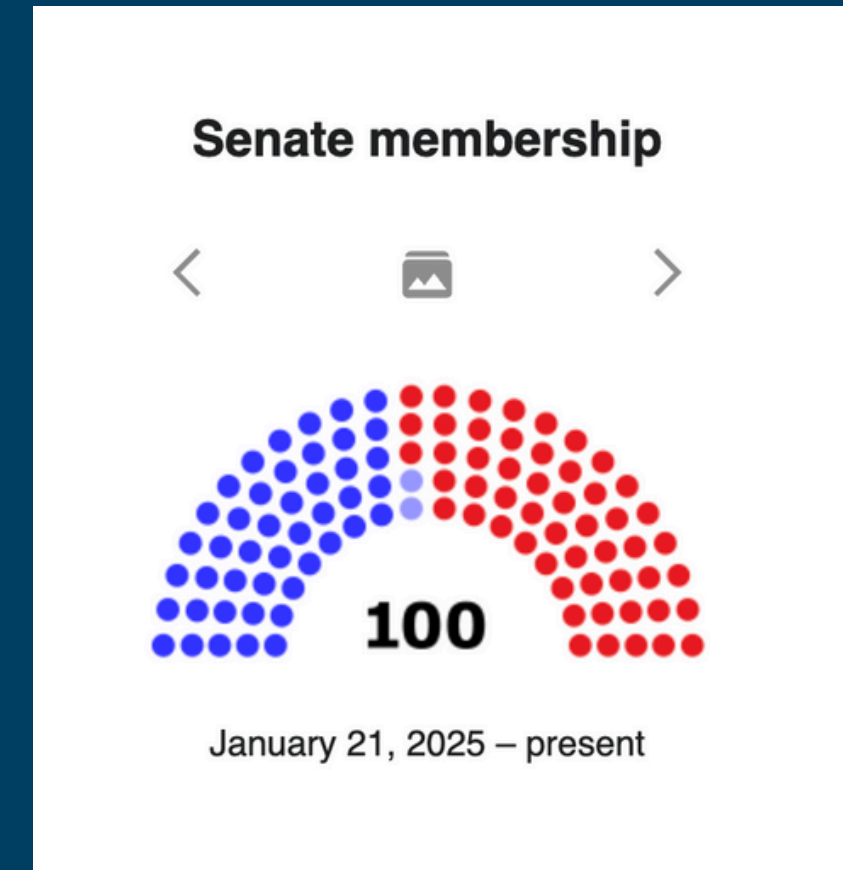
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# THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

- Republican “Trifecta” controls Congress and Administration
- 218-215 Republican House majority
- 53-47 Republican Senate majority



# TRUMP EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- ✓ 26 “Day One” Executive Orders
- ✓ Regulatory Freeze affecting Water System Restructuring Rule and Cyber Incident Reporting Rule
- ✓ No Action on fluoride... yet

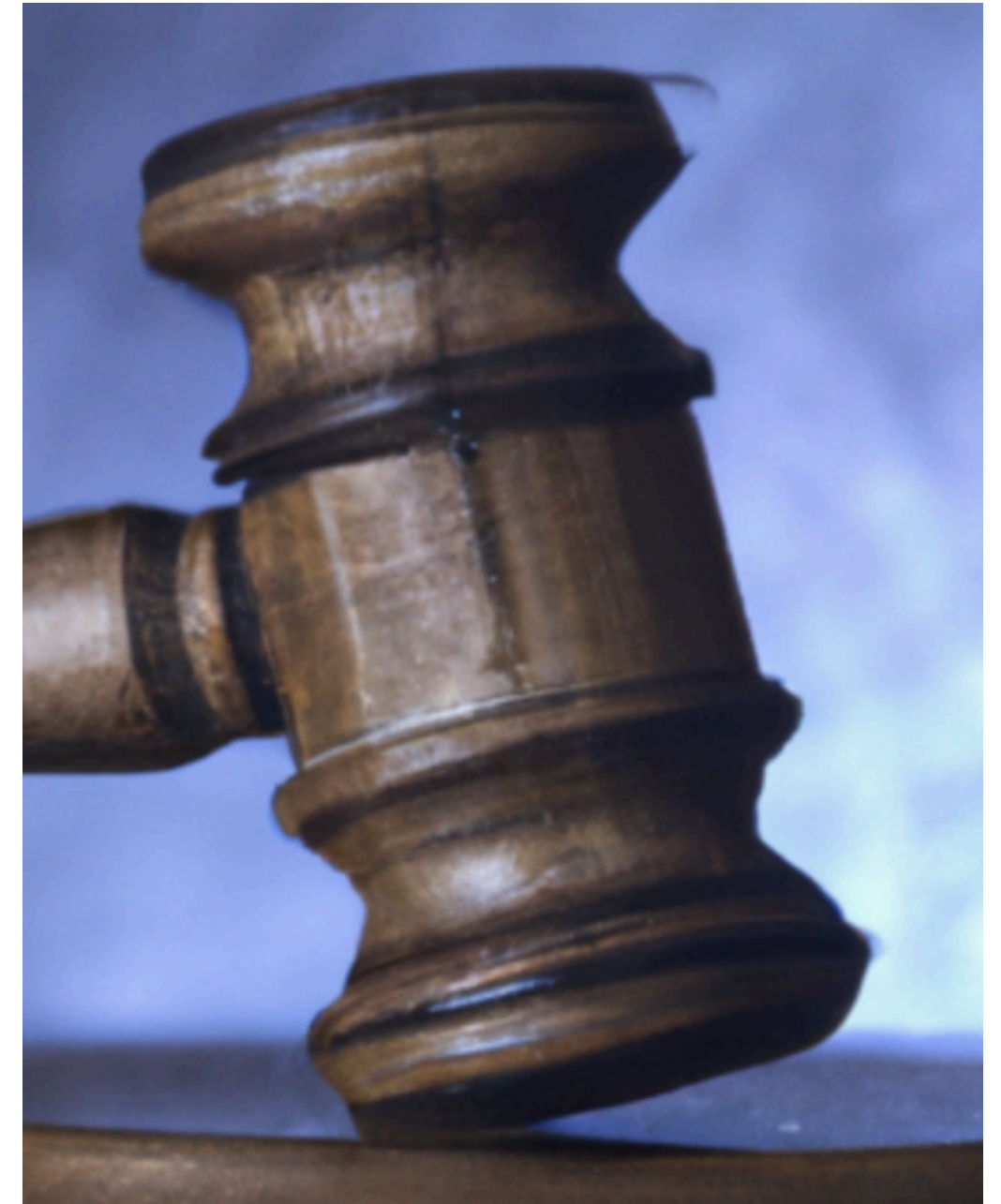


# FEDERAL FUNDING FREEZE

- Would have required virtually all federal funding programs to be reviewed for consistency with Trump priorities
- Included temporary disbursement pause for at least some federal programs
- Memo rescinded on January 29

# PFAS LITIGATION

- AMWA/AWWA opening brief filed in October
- EPA filed response brief in December
- AMWA/AWWA reply brief due in February
- Court decision by late 2025 (?)
- Litigation focused on ensuring consistency with SDWA regulatory process



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# LEAD AND COPPER RULE IMPROVEMENTS

- Took effect in December, compliance date in 2027
- Possible target of reversal through Congressional Review Act
- CRAs can be approved by simple majority in each chamber
- H.J.Res. 18 - Introduced January 13
- Would reinstate entire LCRR

# RESILIENCE PRIORITIES

- Expected Impacts on Resilience, Equity Initiatives
- 2024 Project Rollover - Clean Energy Direct Pay Credits
- Looking forward - AMWA Member Engagement, Priorities, & Strategy in 2025



# 2025 Regulatory Overview

Regulation	Outlook	Timeline
<b>UCMR 6</b>	Guaranteed – SDWA requirement	Proposal November 2025
<b>Perchlorate NPDWR</b>	Guaranteed – settlement agreement	Proposal November 2025
<b>Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rule Revisions</b>	Likely – settlement agreement affords options	Proposal July 2025
Water System Restructuring Assessment Rule (Proposed)	Statutory mandate (AWIA)	
CIRCIA Reporting Requirements	Statutory mandate (CIRCIA)	
CWA ELGs for PFAS Manufacturers	Withdrawn Jan 21, 2025	
OSHA Heat Illness (Proposed)	Unlikely	
PFAS NPDES requirements	Unlikely	
NEPA updates	Likely to come	TBD pending court decisions

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## ADDRESSING PFAS LIABILITY CONCERNS

- Legislative advocacy for the Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act led by AMWA and a water sector coalition
- Congressional Support from Sen. Lummis, Rep. Gluskamp-Perez, and efforts to secure a new Republican House lead
- Next Steps include integrating the bill into a larger water package like WRDA, with EPA prioritizing the issue



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## FLOW ACT

- Would assist water utilities in financing private-side lead service line replacement with tax-exempt bonds
- Led by Rep. Tenney (R-NY) and Rep. Moore (D-WI) in the House, and Sen. Bennet (D-CO) in the Senate; efforts ongoing to secure a Republican Senate co-lead
- Could be included in a Republican-led tax package



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## CREATING A WATER AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM

- AMWA seeks to authorize a permanent water affordability program
- When previously authorized, LIHWAP served 1.5 million households, prevented 924,000 disconnections, and reduced 1.1 million water bills
- Led by Sen. Padilla (D-CA); AMWA is working to secure a Republican co-lead to strengthen bipartisan support



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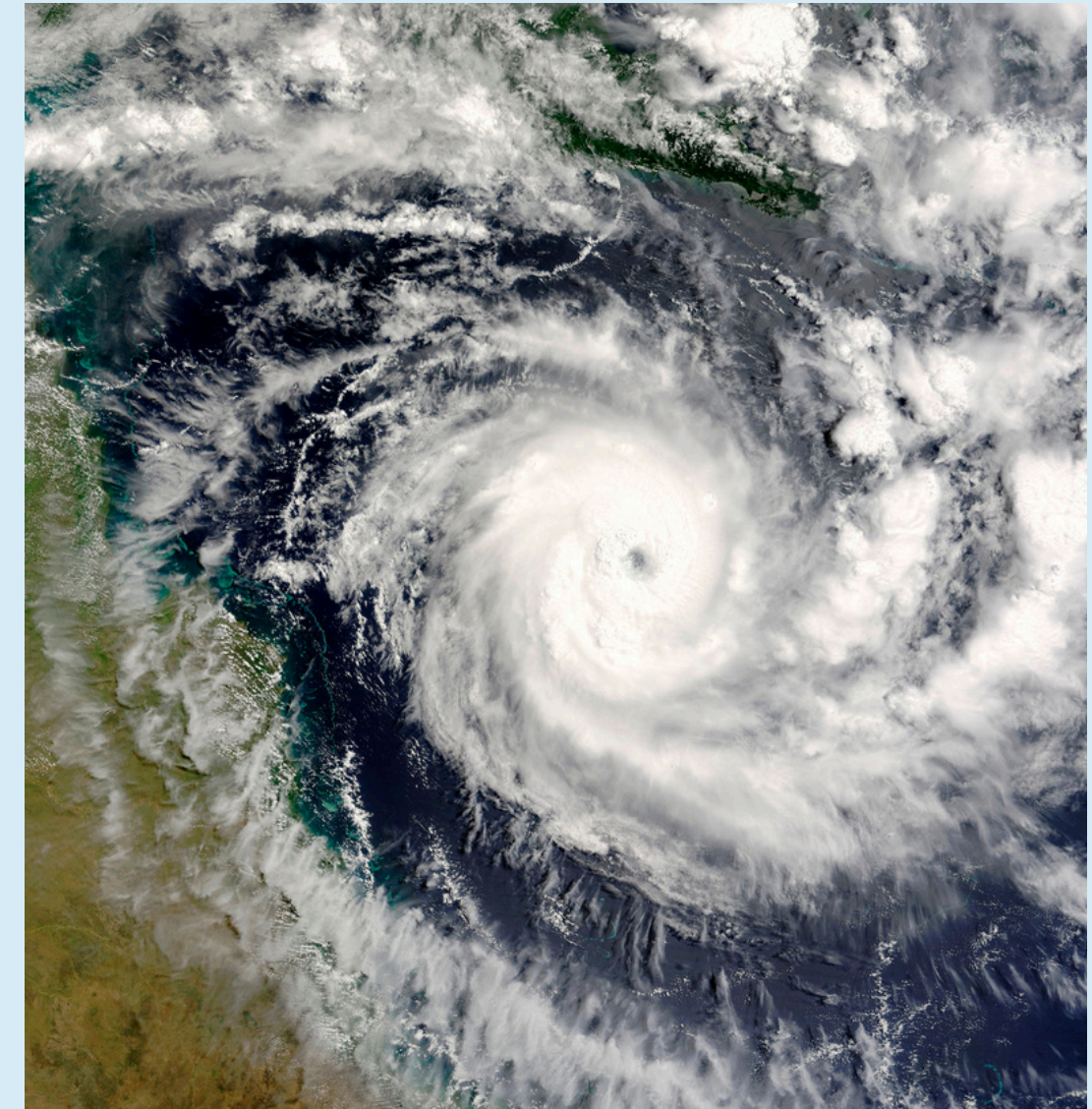
## PROTECTING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

- AMWA continues to advocate for the biggest sources of federal infrastructure funding, the Drinking Water SRF and Clean Water SRF, as well as the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program
- Building support to extend critical IIJA water infrastructure programs
- Engaging with Senate EPW leaders to help develop reauthorization legislation this year

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## BUILDING WATER SYSTEM RESILIENCE

- Reintroducing programs to help address extreme weather, natural hazards, and cybersecurity
- Rep. Salud Carbajal will lead efforts to extend these programs
- AMWA will advocate for inclusion in any IIJA reauthorization package



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Look up legislation

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#### Hold polluters accountable for PFAS cleanup

Congress must pass legislation to ensure that drinking water and wastewater systems that properly dispose of water treatment byproducts containing PFAS can not be held liable for site cleanups under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) -- thus ensuring this responsibility remains with the actual polluters who introduced PFAS into the environment in the first place.



TAKE ACTION

LEARN MORE

# QUESTIONS



# WATER POLICY CONFERENCE

- April 7-9, 2025, during Water Week!
- Speakers include:
  - Bob Woodward
  - Jennifer McLain
  - Key elected officials
- Visit lawmakers to highlight priorities



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