

## **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Intended Use Plan for FY 2015**

Dear Waterworks Owner and Other Interested Parties:

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, Congress authorizes capitalization grants to the states through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWSRF). As part of the annual DWSRF grant application process Virginia seeks meaningful public involvement through input, review, and comments. The VDH's Office of Drinking Water (ODW) has prepared a draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) that explains the goals of the program, funding priorities, how VDH intends to use the grant funds and other important information submitted from the funding requests and set-aside suggestions.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) received numerous funding requests and set-aside suggestions following the January 2015 DWSRF funding solicitation announcement. The draft 2015 IUP and draft project lists are open for review and comment by the public for a period of sixty days. The document entitled "Virginia Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Design Manual" (dated January, 2014) is a part of the Intended Use Plan and was mailed to eligible waterworks in January 2014, announced in the VA Register, and placed on our website. The Program Design Manual provides information on VDH's project prioritization criteria and methodologies.

The VDH will hold a public meeting to solicit comments and recommendations regarding the 2015 IUP on Thursday February 19, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the ODW's East Central Field Office, 300 Turner Road, Richmond, VA 23225. Those individuals planning to attend the public meeting should contact Theresa Hewlett at (804) 864-7501 by the close of business on February 12, 2015.

Any written comments from the public are to be submitted by March 29, 2015; the close of the public comment period. VDH will consider all meaningful public input and comments and make revisions to the IUP and project priority lists if necessary. The VDH's Office of Drinking Water (Please direct your requests for information and forward written comments to:

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