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# NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FFY2011 DRINKING WATER PRIORITY SYSTEM/INTENDED USE PLAN (IUP) AND A “SECOND CHANCE CALL FOR PROJECTS”

January 19, 2011

Dear Interested Parties:

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996 authorized a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to assist publicly and privately owned community water systems and nonprofit noncommunity water systems to achieve or maintain compliance with SDWA requirements and to further the public health objectives of the SDWA.

The FFY2011 DWSRF Final IUP was published on July 14, 2010. The IUP contained the SFY2011 and the SFY2012 schedules. Project sponsors must meet these schedules with all applicable deadlines in order to be considered for financing in the SFY2011 and SFY2012 funding cycles.

Several changes have been made to the IUP and the SFY2012 schedule:

1. A **second chance opportunity** is being provided for project sponsors to submit projects for financing in the FFY2011/SFY2012 Financing Program. The FFY2011/ SFY2012 Financing Program now includes second chance provisions to accommodate project sponsors that missed the initial commitment letter and planning document deadline of October 4, 2010. Sponsors of such projects will be given a second opportunity to participate in the FFY2011/SFY2012 Financing Program provided they are able to submit a letter of intent, complete planning documents, design documents, a loan application and proof that all applicable permits/approvals have been applied for by March 7, 2011. Projects that met the October deadline are still required to submit their project design documents and loan application on or before March 7, 2011. The projects that met the October deadline will be given higher priority for eligibility for long-term funding than second chance ranked projects and will have a better opportunity to participate in the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust's (Trust) interim financing program in the current funding cycle.

In addition to the paper copy of the complete submittal to NJDEP, the submittal of an electronic copy of the complete package must be submitted to the Trust in electronic format by close of business on March 7, 2011. All electronic submissions must be on CD or DVD in PDF, TIFF, or JPG format. Please refer to [www.njeit.org/forms.htm](http://www.njeit.org/forms.htm) under loan applications for further guidance.

2. **Modifications to loan terms** are proposed to all projects that qualify for the FFY2011/SFY2012 Financing Program. Projects will be funded in ranked order, utilizing the principal forgiveness monies for the October 4, 2010 deadline sponsors that qualify, until the 30% minimum is awarded as referenced in the FFY 2011 DWSRF Final IUP. The balance of the ranked projects will be eligible for the traditional financing program, normally financed through the traditional loan package (with 50% of the allowable project costs financed interest free and the balance of the allowable project costs financed at market rate). The Program will modify the blending of NJDEP's interest-free loan and the Trust's market-rate loan so that the Department's interest free portion is increased from 50% to 75% of the allowable project costs for projects and the balance of the allowable project costs financed at market rate for the traditional loan package. This change does not apply to the sponsors that receive supplemental loans.

The program hopes to finance as many projects as possible, but funds are limited and there may not be enough money to fund all the projects that have applied.

3. The annual **Financing Program Seminars** have been scheduled for February 1, 2011 at Ocean County College, College Drive, Toms River and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at the Rutgers Law Center, New Brunswick. If you would like to attend one of the seminars, please contact the Trust to reserve a spot at (609) 219-8600 by January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

If you would like a copy of the IUP or Project Priority Lists, you may contact the DWSRF program or obtain a copy from our website, <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/loanprog.htm>.

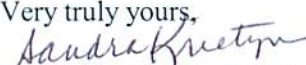
The period for submitting written comments on this proposal will close on March 7, 2011 (all comments must be postmarked by that date). Please submit the written comments to:

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Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Technical Assistance  
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All comments submitted in accordance with the deadline will be considered in the preparation of the final amended FFY2011 Priority System IUP documents.

Should you have any questions regarding the IUP or the DWSRF program, please contact Philip Royer or Josephine Craver at the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Technical Assistance at (609) 292-5550 or fax (609) 292-1654.

Thank you for your anticipated input on this proposal document.

Very truly yours,  
  
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