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## Sewerage Commission benefits from military surplus equipment

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The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) announces the acquisition of new U.S. government surplus property, which will save the commission over \$800,000 and will enhance PVSC's operations - both within the plant and out in the field servicing its' 48 municipalities.



*Shown is one of the military surplus vehicles the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has acquired at no cost.  
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Thanks to an innovative program that allows PVSC to purchase available surplus government assets, the facility has recently acquired several pieces of valuable property at no-cost. The additional equipment is especially useful given the devastating impact of super storm Sandy last year. The surplus equipment procured through the auction process will help PVSC prepare for and recover from future extreme weather events.

Among the PVSC's latest acquisitions:

Two M923 cargo trucks, which are capable of moving personnel or equipment in water depths exceeding six feet;

One "Unimog 419 SEE" - a multi-purpose, small emplacement, excavator, capable of multiple off-road applications. The name Unimog is an acronym for the German "UNIversal-MOTor-Gert" (machine);

A M916 tractor-truck and light equipment transporter;

Five wheel and tire assemblies for PVSC's M939 family of trucks - \$17,720.00 worth of equipment;

A 100kw generator, which will be used for auxiliary power supply within the plant; and

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Three M936 tow wreckers, which will be used on the Passaic River for debris removal.

The River Restoration Department is also requesting surplus U.S. Coast Guard vessels capable of assisting in PVSC's water quality monitoring program or for inspection or survey of the Passaic River or Newark Bay.

"Many people don't realize that the U.S. government frequently auctions off valuable, high-quality merchandise," said PVSC's Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci. "Having access to this database is an enormous benefit that allows PVSC to purchase available surplus government assets in a convenient, easy environment. What's great is that the surplus property is completely free and only requires some legwork and ingenuity on our part."

"This program is a win-win for all involved. The U.S. government realizes important efficiencies by keeping surplus and idle inventories moving out of facilities nationwide, aiding national security, and PVSC adds to its capabilities by getting free surplus equipment," stated Kenneth J. Lucianin, PVSC commissioner. "This is just another example where PVSC is leading by example and protecting the ratepayers."

In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving over 1.4 million people in five counties.

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