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Legislative Alert

**TO: AWWA Leadership
All Utilities**

FROM: AWWA Government Affairs

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Who:	Water Utilities
What:	Communicating water needs to U.S. Congress, state SRF authorities in advance of economic stimulus program
When:	As soon as possible

Attached is the latest AWWA Washington DC Report, which describes the coming economic stimulus program and recommends members take two actions:

1. Urgently communicate with Congress in support of at least \$10 billion for drinking water infrastructure;
2. Urgently communicate with your state's State Revolving Fund or infrastructure financing authority concerning projects that can be "shovel ready" very soon. States will need to obligate funds quickly and need to know now what projects you may have, regardless of whether they are on your state's Intended Use Plan.

AWWA's letter to Congress on the stimulus plan is included at the end of the report.

Also in this report is a description of President-Elect Obama's environmental and energy team. It portends a strong, activist focus on climate change and other environmental issues.

Please contact AWWA's Washington Office if you have questions or comments, 202-628-8303.