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Who:	American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
What:	Release of Full 2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure
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On Wednesday, March 25, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) will release its full 2009 Report Card for America's Infrastructure with letter grades and short summaries on the condition of the country's drinking water and wastewater systems, roads, bridges, transit systems, and schools, among others. Earlier this year, ASCE released components of the report to encourage Congress to include infrastructure funding as it considered the economic stimulus package.

From the early release, we know that ASCE assigned our nation's infrastructure an overall grade of D, with a specific grade of D- for both drinking water and wastewater. The initial release maintained that the nation needs to invest \$2.2 trillion to improve the state of infrastructure. The full report is expected to include a specific dollar amount for drinking water infrastructure repairs. It will also feature case studies for each category of infrastructure.

Previous ASCE Report Card reports have spawned some media reports. It is possible that local utilities will be contacted by area media outlets. In the event that local reporters call with questions about the infrastructure of your locality, utilities should be prepared to give information on infrastructure upgrades in your community.

AWWA's Public Affairs Office is available to assist with any questions or to provide additional information. Please contact Greg Kail, gkail@awwa.org, 303-734-3410, or Deirdre Mueller,

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Initial information provided by ASCE on its 2009 Report Card is available online at www.asce.org/reportcard.

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