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Governor Wolf Announces \$75.6 Million Investment in Water Infrastructure Projects in 8 Counties

On October 19, 2016, Governor Tom Wolf announced the investment of \$75.6 million for nine drinking water and wastewater projects across eight counties through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST).

"Today the PENNVEST Board of Directors renewed its commitment to clean water in Pennsylvania and to the health of its citizens", said Governor Wolf. "The investment of millions of dollars all across the Commonwealth serves as testimony to the Board's and this administration's desire to improve our environment and to protect our precious natural resources, for today's Pennsylvanians as well as for future generations to come."

Of the \$75.6 million, \$54.4 million is allocated for low-interest loans and \$21.2 million is awarded through grants.

The funding comes from a combination of state funds approved by voters, federal grants to PENNVEST from the Environmental Protection Agency and recycled loan repayments from previous PENNVEST funding awards. Funds for the projects are disbursed after bills for work are paid and receipts are submitted to PENNVEST.

For more information, visit www.pennvest.state.pa.us or call 717-783-6798.

A list of project summaries follows.

PENNVEST Drinking Water Projects

Sullivan County

Laporte Borough received a \$687,602 loan and a \$326,128 grant to replace more than a half mile of deteriorated water distribution lines and construct a 150 thousand gallon water storage tank in order to provide a safe and reliable source of drinking water to its residents.

PENNVEST Wastewater Projects

Allegheny County

Pleasant Hills Authority received a \$17,474,300 loan to upgrade and expand its existing

sewage treatment plant in order to eliminate wet weather overflow discharges into Lick Run.

Allegheny and Washington Counties

West Elizabeth Sanitary Authority received a \$4,942,485 loan and a \$3,915,015 grant to construct a new 1.06 million gallons-per-day sewage treatment plant in order to eliminate wet weather discharges into the Monongahela River from its existing 46 year-old plant that occur during wet weather.

Bedford County

Everett Area Borough Municipal Authority received a \$3,191,950 loan and a \$1,558,050 grant to replace more than eight miles of deteriorated sewage collection lines in order to eliminate wet weather overflows into the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River.

Cambria County

Johnstown City received a \$6,082,200 loan and a \$4,817,800 grant to replace collection pipes, manholes and service laterals in the Moxham area of the city in order to reduce storm water inflows into its sanitary sewer system.

Lower Yoder Township received a \$6,391,129 loan and a \$4,493,871 grant to replace almost eleven miles of deteriorated sewage collection lines, as well as lateral lines that run to within five feet of residents' homes (with their permission), in order to reduce wet weather discharges into St. Clair Run and the Conemaugh River.

Southmont Borough received a \$5,818,566 loan and a \$2,488,934 grant to install five and a half miles of new sewage collection lines as well as more than seven miles of sewer laterals in order to eliminate wet weather overflows into Cheney Run and the Stonycreek River.

Centre and Clearfield Counties

Moshannon Valley Joint Sewer Authority received a \$3,902,000 loan to make a variety of upgrades to its wastewater treatment facility in

order to improve its efficiency and treatment performance.

Erie County

Greene Township received a \$5,916,224 loan and a \$3,655,276 grant to construct more than eight miles of sewage collection lines, a pump station and other facilities in order to eliminate discharges of untreated wastewater into ground and surface waters from residents' malfunctioning on-lot septic systems.

Source: Governor Wolf's Press Office, 10/19/2016

IRRC Submits Comments to the Environmental Quality Board

Comments are available on the IRRC website at:

- Environmental Quality Board: [#7-495: Environmental Laboratory Accreditation](#)

The regulatory review process in Pennsylvania is a two-stage process. The submission of comments on this regulation concludes IRRC's formal role at the proposed stage.

The promulgating agency is required to respond to all comments received on their proposed regulation when submitting the final regulation with or without changes to IRRC and the legislative standing committees.

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The Independent Regulatory Review Commission provides oversight and review of all proposed and existing rules and regulations issued

by all departments, boards, commissions, agencies or other authorities of the Commonwealth, excluding the Legislature, Fish and Boat Commission, the Game Commission, and any court, political subdivision, or municipal or local authority. IRRC also acts as a clearinghouse for complaints, comments and other input regarding existing, proposed, final-form and final-omitted regulations.

For recent news and updates on Commission proceedings or information about IRRC, visit our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us and follow IRRC on Twitter: @PA_IRRC.

Source: IRRC Press Release, 10/19/2016

CBF Issues Statement on Pollution Trending Down

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Vice President Kim Coble issued this statement following the release of data showing a drop in pollution in the region's major rivers and Chesapeake Bay.

"It is very encouraging that as pollution drops, the Bay responds. Increases in Bay grasses and water clarity are crucial components of Bay restoration. We applaud the efforts the states, farmers, local governments, and citizens have taken to reduce pollution.

"However, while some of the reduction in pollution is in response to actions taken on the ground, as the Bay Program notes, weather played a key role and that is something we can't count on every year.

"Efforts to meet the 2017 goals are mixed. Maryland and Virginia are largely on track to meet their commitments, but Pennsylvania is far behind. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Wolf administration must significantly increase investments in five, [south-central Pennsylvania counties](#) as the most efficient, and cost-effective ways of jumpstarting the lagging clean-up efforts.

"When the Bay Program's Executive Council meets next month, all eyes will be watching to see

what they do to help Pennsylvania get back on track."

Source: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 9/21/2016

EPA Recognizes National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

EPA will be recognizing National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (LPPW) from October 23rd through the 29th. The Week's theme, "Lead-Free Kids for a Healthy Future," highlights ways parents can reduce their child's exposure to lead and prevent its serious health effects.

Historically, the Week's primary focus has been on lead-based paint, however this year, there will be expanded messaging that encourages the public to learn about drinking water. You can help raise awareness by posting the LPPW web banner on your website, sharing a customized flyer or poster, tweeting about the week using #LPPW201, and including LPPW information in your next newsletter.

Learn [more](#).

Source: Water Headlines from EPA, 10/19/2016

EPA to Host Green Infrastructure Webinar October 26

EPA will be hosting a Green Infrastructure Tools webinar on October 26, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET. The webinar will present a toolkit consisting of five EPA green infrastructure resources for addressing stormwater runoff.

The toolkit includes the following: the Green Infrastructure Wizard (GIWiz), the Watershed Management Optimization Support Tool (WMOST), the Visualizing Ecosystem Land Management Assessments (VELMA) Model, the

Storm Water Management Model (SWMM), and the National Stormwater Calculator (SWC).

Register [here](#).

Source: Water Headlines from EPA, 10/19/2016

EPA Solicits Comments on Draft Technical Materials to Support 2016 Selenium Criterion Recommendations

EPA is releasing draft technical support documents for public comment in conjunction with the recently published final Clean Water Act (CWA) section 304(a) selenium water quality criterion recommendations. These documents assist states and authorized tribes in adopting the new selenium criterion, monitoring fish tissue, assessing and listing waters under CWA section 303(d), and NPDES permitting.

The 2016 national recommended chronic aquatic life criterion for selenium in freshwater reflects the latest science, which indicates that toxicity to aquatic life is driven by dietary exposures. EPA recommends states and authorized tribes adopt the selenium criterion into their water quality standards.

Selenium is a naturally occurring element present in sedimentary rocks, shales, coal and phosphate deposits and soils. Selenium can be released into water resources by natural sources via weathering, and by human activities such as surface mining, coal-fired power plants, and irrigated agriculture. Selenium is an essential element for animals in small amounts, but toxic at higher concentrations.

Learn [more](#).

Source: Water Headlines from EPA, 10/19/2016

DEP Update on Sunoco Pipeline spill in Lycoming County

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced the following update on the gasoline spill into the Loyalsock Creek in Lycoming County.

The Sunoco pipeline has been capped at the south end, and work will continue overnight and into tomorrow morning to cap the north end. The level of the Loyalsock Creek has dropped from 13 feet yesterday to approximately 4 feet today, allowing increased access for crews.

DEP conducted water sampling for volatile organic compounds in waters that could have been affected by the spill. Six sampling locations were identified, both upstream of the spill for control and comparison and downstream of the break. Gasoline compounds were detected in the samples downstream of the break, but were below safe drinking water levels in the Susquehanna River.

DEP has notified water systems downstream of the break; at this time there are no concerns for public drinking water supplies, as water systems will use stored water and alternative sources until the plume has passed.

Residents who have been impacted by the release can call a Sunoco Logistics representative at 1-800-759-5644.

Source: DEP Press Release, 10/22/2016

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