



February 9, 2009

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell,

As America's leading construction, engineering, conservation, labor, municipal, and manufacturing organizations, the members of the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) strongly urge the conference committee to include a minimum of \$6 billion, the amount recommended by the U.S. House of Representatives, in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* for wastewater infrastructure through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF).

While we support the \$6 billion funding level recommended by the House, any additional funding to support this critical infrastructure need would be fully justified as demonstrated by the list of ready-to-go projects compiled by our municipal members and state water pollution control officials. To date, this list totals nearly \$20 billion in wastewater infrastructure projects, including green infrastructure projects that stand ready to go nationwide and would benefit from this timely infusion of funding. The list is attached.

It is estimated that each \$1 billion spent on water and wastewater infrastructure will create or support about 35,000 jobs improving and upgrading our nation's pipes and treatment facilities. Thus, \$6 billion would create 210,000 jobs; while \$10 billion would create 350,000 jobs.

The additional investment would help address the \$300-500 billion water infrastructure funding gap reported by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the WIN, while creating good jobs in communities across America. These jobs cannot be exported, and will employ workers with a broad range of skills, including architects, engineers and construction workers.

Please support a minimum of \$6 billion in funding for the CWSRF.

Sincerely,

The Members of the Water Infrastructure Network

- **National Association of Clean Water Agencies**
- **Associated General Contractors of America**
- **American Society of Civil Engineers**
- **American Public Works Association**
- **American Council of Engineering Companies**
- **American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association**
- **International Union of Operating Engineers**
- **International Union of Bricklayers**
- **Laborers International of North America**
- **United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices in the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry**
- **Water Environment Federation**
- **Western Coalition of Arid States**
- **Food and Water Watch**
- **Clean Water Action**
- **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**
- **American Rivers**
- **Natural Resources Defense Council**
- **Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition**
- **Riverkeeper**
- **Trout Unlimited**
- **Ducks Unlimited**
- **American Sportfishing Association**
- **Rural Community Assistance Partnership**
- **Association of California Water Agencies**
- **Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**
- **United Brotherhood of Carpenters**
- **Design Build Institute of America**
- **California Rebuild America Coalition**
- **Associated Equipment Distributors**
- **Association of Equipment Manufacturers**
- **National Construction Alliance**
- **Clean Water Construction Coalition**
- **Construction Management Association of America**
- **Association of Equipment Manufacturers**
- **American Supply Association**
- **Vinyl Institute**
- **Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association**
- **Pipe Rehabilitation Council**
- **Portland Cement Association**
- **National Ready Mix Concrete Association**
- **Vermeer Corp.**
- **California Association of Sanitation Agencies**
- **National Association of Towns and Townships**
- **National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies**
- **North American Power Sweeping Association**
- **National Society of Professional Engineers**
- **Environmental and Energy Study Institute**
- **Underground Contractors Association of Illinois**