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To: All Water and Wastewater Systems

SUBJECT: Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Drinking Water & Clean Water State Revolving Fund Priority Lists

You are receiving this letter because you own and/or operate a drinking water or wastewater utility (or both). We are in the process of preparing the State Fiscal Year (SFY) **2014 Priority Lists** for projects to be funded from the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)**. Only projects on the DWSRF and CWSRF Priority Lists are eligible to apply for funding from these programs.

If you are interested in applying for a Drinking Water and/or a Clean Water Project loan, please fill out the combined **DWSRF/CWSRF** Pre-Application form (attached). Complete one application for each project you want to be included on the Project Priority List. Indicate whether the project is a **Drinking Water or Clean Water** project on the application. Please DO NOT include a Drinking Water project and a Clean Water project on the same Pre-Application form.

The priority of available funds will be assigned to those projects with the highest Priority Rank on the Priority Ranking List with preference given to those projects that are ready to proceed. NDEP may bypass projects on the Priority List that are not ready to proceed (NAC 445A.7675). Proposed projects with a lower Priority Rank may be fundable by virtue of bypass. Preference will be given to those lower-ranked projects that are ready to proceed and that will make progress towards compliance with the enforceable requirements of the Drinking Water Act or Clean Water Act.

Please complete the enclosed Pre-Application form or provide your written request to remain on the priority list(s) and submit it no later than **February 15, 2013**. The information on the form will be used to determine the priority ranking of your project. It is important that we receive an accurate assessment of your project needs so that we can develop financial strategies to meet these needs.

If your utility already has a project on the 2013 Priority List for either the Drinking Water or Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Programs and you want it to remain on the list for SFY 2014, you are required to provide us with a written request stating your wish to remain on the list. To determine which projects in priority order can receive funding, we need to assess the current status and "readiness to proceed" of each project on the Priority List. Please include, in your written request, an updated description and estimate of the cost of the project (or remaining project phases) and your best estimate of when your project will be ready to proceed. If the scope of the project has changed, a description of the new scope should also be included with the written request. This year we have included criteria indicating your asset management. Systems will receive additional points for all of the following criteria that apply:

- The system has mapped its system and analyzed conditions, including risks of failure, expected dates of renewals and ultimate replacements, and sources and amounts of revenues needed to finance operation, maintenance, and capital needs;
- The system has developed appropriate rate structures to build, operate, and maintain the system; and/or
- The system has specifically allocated funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of aging and deteriorating infrastructure.

We are soliciting for projects that emphasize energy and water efficiency – Green Projects. These projects also receive priority points. Projects include, but are not limited to:

- Energy efficient retrofits and upgrades to pumps and treatment processes.
- On site clean power production including: wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, biogas, etc.
- Installation of water meters.
- Replacement or rehabilitation of distribution lines that have data documenting water loss.
- Reuse of treated effluent.

This is not an exhaustive list. For a more complete list of the type of projects that can be funded, feel free to contact me at the number or email address shown below.

There is no need to complete and submit the Pre-Application form unless you wish to add a new project. Please note that if you fail to submit a written request, your water and/or wastewater project may be removed from the 2014 Priority List(s).

For additional information on the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund or to download additional copies of the loan pre-application, visit our website <http://ndep.nv.gov/bffwp/srlf01.htm> or the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund website <http://ndep.nv.gov/bffwp/dwsrf1.htm>. Please do not hesitate to call me at (775) 687-9489 or email ddobson@ndep.nv.gov or Michelle Stamatates at (775) 687-9331 or email mstamate@ndep.nv.gov, if you have any questions or need to know which of your projects are on the 2013 Priority List.

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