

Enactment of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Energy/Water/Environmental Issues Addressed



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President Biden is expected to sign this week the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“Act”).

A significant portion of the Act addresses a number of energy, water and environmental issues.

Examples include:

- Underground Injection Control Grants (50 million)
- Decarbonizing School Bus Fleet (5 billion)
- Carbon Utilization Grant Program (310 million)
- Carbon Dioxide Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program (2.1 billion)
- Drinking Water (55 billion)
- Investment in infrastructure
- Addressing lead service pipes
- National Network for Electric Vehicle Chargers (7.5 billion)
- Clean Energy Transmission/Grid (65 billion)
- Construction of resilient transmission lines
- Support the deployment of clean energy technologies
- Superfund/Brownfield/Oil and Gas (21 billion)
- Additional funding for Superfund/Brownfield sites
- Funding for abandoned mine reclamation
- Funding for capping orphaned oil and gas wells
- Public Owned Treatment Works/Community Water Systems Low Income Assistance (225 million)
- Pollution Prevention (100 million)
- Clean Water Act Section 221 Sewer Overflow/Stormwater Municipal Reuse Grants Program (1.85 billion)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Alternative Water Source Grants (125 million)
- Septic and Decentralized Systems (150 million)
- U.S. Department of Transportation/EPA/National Academy of Sciences to Study Stormwater Best Management Practices
- Water Storage, Ground Water Storage and Conveyance Projects Feasibility Study by the U.S. Department of Interior (“DOI”)
- Competitive Grant Program for Large-Scale Water Recycling and Reuse Program

- RECYCLE Act (75 million)
- U.S. DOI Assistance for Groundwater Recharge, Aquifer Storage and Water Source Substitution Projects
- PFAS
- EPA assistance to small and disadvantaged community program to address emerging contaminants (5 billion)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Emerging Contaminants (4 billion)
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund addressing emerging contaminants (1 billion)
- Extends Certain Superfund Excise Taxes Through December 21, 2031
- State and Local Grants for Battery Processing (3 billion)
- Funding for County-Owned or Operated Hydroelectric Facilities (628 million)