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To: beccaschimme; **Ex. 6**
Subject: Re: drinking water, WKU Public Radio

Becca—

For attribution to “an EPA spokesperson:”

The Clean Water Needs Survey (CWNS) is a quadrennial Report to Congress that estimates the capital investment necessary to ensure that the nation’s publically owned treatment works (POTWs) meet the water quality objectives of the Clean Water Act (CWA).

The current Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) data platform and management system used for the previous survey is obsolete and needs to be replaced with a totally new system. Funding for this upgrade and timing for the next CWNS collection cycle is uncertain at this time.

Unlike the Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey (DWINS) which is directly tied to their infrastructure funding under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program, CWNS has no direct impact on Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) allotments or other funding sources to the states for addressing clean water infrastructure needs.

At the same time, however, the comprehensive infrastructure data provided by the CWNS plays a vital role in informing policy makers, the regulated community, engineering firms, contractors, industrial interests, as well as the general public of the condition of the current and long term construction needs of the nation’s public wastewater facilities.

For more information, please go to the EPA’s webpage at: <https://www.epa.gov/cwns/about-clean-watersheds-needs-survey-cwns>

Best,

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From: becca schimmel; **Ex. 6**
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The story will look at the drinking water, wastewater and floodwater needs in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. It will look at how far reaching these systems are, how dependent the public is on them and the age of the infrastructure. I'm interested in how these needs could be addressed and where that funding would come from. After speaking to Pete

Goodman and Jory Becker with the Kentucky Division of Water, I became interested in the Clean Water Needs Survey and why it hasn't been done for 2017. I was told that the funding was uncertain at this time, and I'm hoping to get some insight into how that could affect addressing water infrastructure needs. I don't have a firm deadline at this time. I'd like to talk to someone next week though.

Thanks,
Becca