

DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL POLICY DIRECTIVE

Introduction

Water powers the U.S. economy. Clean, safe water ensures the health, productivity, and happiness of our citizens, provides more than 50 percent of the nation's total renewable energy, sustains our agricultural productivity, and is critical to our economic development. America's water security rests on its infrastructure. Water infrastructure that powers America, employs America, and drives American economic growth.

Today, much of our water-related infrastructure is at risk. Many water supply systems are in desperate need of replacement. The physical and management infrastructure for water in the U.S. has major gaps, and the structure of the nation's public policy sometimes creates barriers to filling these gaps. The federal level of responsibility for water management is currently shared across approximately dozens of agencies, departments, and independent commissions, councils, and offices. Although several informal interagency coordination mechanisms have attempted to rationalize this tangled system, they have had limited success.

This Presidential Policy Directive will establish reliability, safety and security of our nation's water infrastructure as national priorities, and will create a mechanism to drive the achievement of those objectives.

Policy

It is the policy of the United States to make water availability, safety, and security a domestic and international priority. People should have access to the water they need, when they need it, where they need it, from a reliable, safe and secure water and wastewater infrastructure. The delivery of water should also be free from conflict. This effort includes, but is not limited to, ensuring the delivery of water for drinking and domestic use, water for agriculture, water for energy, water for industry, water for navigation, and water for health.

Key U.S. Water Principles

This Presidential Policy Directive will follow certain key principles:

- **Support for local communities** – The federal government will be a source of reliable support to states and local communities. Federal water programs and regulations will be

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reorganized and revised to make them more coherent, coordinated, rational, effective, and economical, and better meet local needs.

- **Invest in our water infrastructure** – We must adequately fund and support our existing federal programs to ensure communities and utilities have the resources necessary to operate and maintain their systems.
- **Leverage and promote access to private capital** – Because public funds alone cannot solve these challenges, the nation’s water policy should actively encourage more private sector investment in water infrastructure.
- **Ensure safe, reliable, and affordable service** – American water systems must be safe, reliable, and affordable so that no one is left without reliable water services simply because they cannot afford it.
- **Support for American workers and manufacturing** – As we build and rebuild our water infrastructure, we should ensure that American tax dollars support American jobs and industry by *Buying and Hiring American*.
- **Catalyze technology innovation** – Federal agencies will support the accelerated deployment of the best innovative technologies and support small community access to the most appropriate technologies to meet their needs.
- **Data collection and dissemination for sound water management** – Collect, strengthen, and ensure access to timely forecasting data and information on the state of the nation’s water resources.
- **Utilize global water security to drive U.S. economic growth and national security** – Make water security a foreign policy and foreign assistance priority that increases the export of American technologies and approaches and promotes peace in the world.

Immediate Actions, Roles, and Responsibilities

Within 90 days of the date hereof each department and agency shall submit to the White House Director of National Economic Policy (“NEC”) a plan for the near and long-term implementation of the principles outlined herein. All executive branch departments and agencies shall thereafter implement the policy set forth herein as soon as practicable. In addition, within 30 days of the end of each fiscal year all departments and agencies shall report to the NEC the progress achieved toward such implementation.