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Subject: RE: Water Online Interview Request: E-Mail Interview With Alexandra Dunn

Peter, please use this version:

While states have the authority to enforce most parts of the Clean Water Act, EPA continues to be committed to working closely with states order to ensure national consistency so communities across the United States have clean and safe water.” – **EPA spokesperson**

On background: Since the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act were signed in the early 1970s, EPA has worked with the States to ensure national water quality limits are met by water and wastewater treatment utilities. To support communities across the country addressing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, EPA offers several financing tools:

- The Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund have provided more than \$161 billion in low-interest loans to state and local water infrastructure projects since 1987.
- Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA): In FY 2017, the WIFIA program received \$25 million in funding, including \$8 million in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 that President Donald Trump signed into law on May 5, 2017. The projects also leverage more than \$1 billion in private capital and other funding sources including EPA’s State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of \$5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.
- In June 2017, EPA launched the Water Finance Clearinghouse, a web-based portal to help communities make informed financing decisions for their drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs. It provides communities with a searchable database with more than \$10 billion in water funding sources and over 550 resources to support local water infrastructure projects.

With these funds and resources, we have supported state and local water infrastructure investment that provides essential services and reduces pollution in our waterways.