

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK



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## President Signs Historic Water Infrastructure Funding Bill

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The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) applauds President Trump and the bipartisan leadership of the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the House Energy & Commerce Committee on the enactment of the America's Water Infrastructure Act. This landmark legislation will help bring billions of dollars in critical water infrastructure funding to thousands of communities across the nation. America's Water Infrastructure Act authorizes significant new funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and makes critical improvements to the WIFIA loan approval process. Leveraged WIFIA funds have the potential to expeditiously finance thousands of existing and vetted water infrastructure projects.

**As Senator Boozman, Chair of the Senate Fisheries, Water and Wildlife Subcommittee observed,** "America's Water Infrastructure Act is in lock step with President Trump's vision for infrastructure. I'm particularly pleased that this bill also includes the Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now, or SRF WIN Act, legislation I introduced with Senator Booker. What the SRF WIN Act does is simple, it combines the efficiency and trust associated with the State Revolving Funds with the leveraging power of the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. This legislation makes the process easier and more affordable for states and communities to access federal water infrastructure funding."

"This new measure will help stimulate many long-overdue investments in the nation's aging and over-burdened water infrastructure systems," **said Stephen E. Sandherr, the chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America.** "Thanks to this measure, more Americans will have access to clean and safe drinking water, vital coastal and flood protections and the benefits of efficient maritime shipping."

"I applaud President Trump for signing this significant piece of infrastructure legislation into law," **said Senator Barrasso,** Chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. "The president called on Congress to act and America's Water Infrastructure Act delivers. The bipartisan bill will keep communities safe and cut red tape, all while being fiscally

responsible. It is good for Wyoming and good for the nation. America's Water Infrastructure Act will upgrade and maintain aging dams and irrigation systems, increase water storage, and deepen nationally significant ports. It authorizes funds to repair aging drinking water systems, so that communities across America have access to clean drinking water. It authorizes important projects that will create jobs and grow our economy. America's Water Infrastructure Act is a win for all Americans," **added Barrasso.**

"The need for water investments is well documented. Democrats and Republicans have jointly identified this problem and worked successfully over the years to craft bipartisan solutions to address those needs. Our Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) partner, the American Society of Civil Engineers, in its annual report card, gave water infrastructure a near failing grade. Our union is pleased to join our partners in WIN, a broad coalition dedicated to preserving and protecting the health, environmental and economic gains that America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure provides, in supporting this important and innovative legislation," **said James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers.**

**ASCE's 2018 President, Kristina Swallow noted that,** "The American Society of Civil Engineers is thrilled that the Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now (SRF WIN) Act has been authorized under the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. This innovative financing mechanism offers a new and efficient tool to leverage limited federal resources for our nation's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure systems, networks that earned a "D" and "D+" respectively in the [2017 Infrastructure Report Card](#). ASCE is confident that the SRF WIN Act will help improve the water infrastructure systems that our nation relies on each day and tackle our nation's infrastructure investment deficit."

"The importance of investing in our nation's ports, waterways, locks and dams, flood mitigation, as well as basic water and wastewater needs, cannot be overstated. Passage of the America's Water Infrastructure Act continues the bipartisan work in Congress to prioritize and advance these critical water resource needs" **said Linda Bauer Darr President & CEO of the American Council of Engineering Companies**

The Vinyl Institute applauds the enactment of America's Water Infrastructure Act. This rare bipartisan bill is supported by Members of Congress representing vastly different regions and constituencies, all who know and agree our nation's water network is in critical need of repair. It's a commonsense bill that takes the best from two existing programs – State Revolving Funds and the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act – to make it easier and more affordable to access federal funds for critical water infrastructure investments, **said Vinyl Institute President & CEO Richard Doyle.**

*The Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) is a coalition of the nation's leading construction, engineering, labor, manufacturing and water infrastructure funding advocates.*