

The Power of (a State) Association: To correct the current EPA technical assistance funding problem (where EPA has used its administrative discretion to reduce the amount of technical assistance available to small and rural communities), rural water-friendly Senators and Congressmen have introduced legislation to limit EPA discretion with the force of law ([S. 611 & H.R. 2853](#)). Last week, New York Rural Water Association (NYRWA) heard from its key Member of Congress that he would support immediate passage of the bill without modification - ensuring the necessary bipartisan support for expedited consideration of the legislation. Congressman Tonko (NY) is an original cosponsor of H.R. 2853 and the ranking Democratic Member on the committee of jurisdiction. In announcing the good news, NYRWA stated, *"Congressman Tonko has become one of the leading supporters of water issues in small and rural communities in the entire Congress. Rep. Tonko is a cosponsor of H.R. 2853, invited the Village of Castleton to testify in Congress, conducted a water field tour this summer, and is considering changes to the SRF to be more helpful to small communities. Please thank him on email or when he stops by your community. In closing, all small and rural communities in New York and the rest of the country will benefit from your actions. This is the reason we have the New York Rural Water Association (and the National Rural Water Association); by all of us working together on a common objective we can accomplish things for small and rural communities that none of us could achieve on our own."* After announcing the good news to its membership, NYRWA received the following reply from one of its members, *"Glad I could be of some help. Let me say the work that you and your staff does is outstanding. It's a comfort to know that New York Rural Water Association is there to help anyone, and lend a helping hand if necessary."*

The Power of An Association Con't.: *"Congressional Champions"* are Members of Congress who are supportive of their state rural water association to the point where they are willing to personally take a leadership position in advancing federal rural water policies ([examples](#)). During the rural water annual conference last week, Minnesota and West Virginia volunteered to ask their friends in Congress to become rural water champions in the effort to change the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to allow a small portion of the funds to be used for providing technical assistance ([more](#)).

NRWA Asks EPA for Changes to Their Water and Wastewater Regulations ([more](#)).

Iowa State Law Intended to Limit Section 1926(b) Protection Delays

Rural Water Federal Court Ruling: A U.S. District Court judge for the Northern District of Iowa has stayed a federal lawsuit against the City of Dubuque filed by a rural water provider pending resolution of a related state court case. Attorneys representing the city claimed the association violated state law by failing to provide the city notice of its intent to provide water service within two miles of city limits ([more](#)).

"Florida Water Officials Say They Use the EPA's Grants to Fund the Florida Rural Water Association" ([more](#)).

EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center Launches New Website: EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center has a revamped website that communities can reference for financing drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure ([more](#)).

***"We Were Paying to Poison our Kids"*:** Lead in Michigan city's water hits children. Flint declared a public health emergency this week after a dangerous spike in its water's lead levels. But parents say they've been 'screaming' about the issue for months in an area where water prices are among the Country's highest ([more](#)).

Vulnerabilities Found in Several SCADA Products: DHS published advisories identifying vulnerabilities in supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) products, including a privilege escalation bug in Resource Data Management's Data Manager that could allow an attacker to change the passwords of users, a cross-site request forgery (CSRF) that an attacker could use to perform actions on behalf of authenticated users, and other vulnerabilities in IBC Solar and EasyIO products ([more](#)).

□ **Rural Water District Confiscates Fire Department's Equipment Over Swimming Pool Fill-ups** ([more](#)).

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