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The Power of An Association Comes to the U.S. Senate: Thanks to Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Wyoming Rural Water Associations, the interests of all small and rural communities were recognized at the Senate's water hearing on Thursday.



- **Mississippi's Senator Wicker** makes compelling speech on the need for EPA technical assistance and how EPA has eliminated technical assistance while increasing the regulatory burden on small communities in Mississippi ([C-SPAN video](#)).



- **Oklahoma Rural Water Association Board Member Robert Moore** speaks for all of rural water on how the federal government should fund water projects ([C-SPAN video](#)).



- **Wyoming's Senator Barrasso** explains the need for on-site technical assistance and questions the EPA arsenic rule ([C-SPAN video](#)).



- **Senator Boxer** says the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act

(WIFIA) has to be fixed for rural water ([C-SPAN video](#)).

The Power of An Association: By organizing together, we can accomplish what none of us could accomplish individually.

The Power of Corporate Water: In addition to being a positive hearing for rural water, the private water industry showed its strength. Corporate water interests ([NAWC](#) and [AWWA](#)) used their appearance to press for more federal subsidies for private water utilities. The private water advocates have convinced many Senators on this committee that WIFIA would unlock millions in new (private) investment in water projects and does not compete with the SRFs. Senators don't disagree with NRWA policy (that funding that could be used for the SRFs should not be used to fund WIFIA) they have just not heard the message.

FBI Warns of Cyber-Attacks on Power Grid: The FBI has begun warning infrastructure companies about the threat of cyber-attacks on the U.S. power grid, according to a new report ([more](#)).

John Douglas, The Best of Rural Water: John is an operator at Rural Water District No. 2, Trego County, and is recognized by the Kansas Rural Water Association as "Operator of the Year" ([news](#)).

Associated Press Report Finds 1,400 Water Systems Exceeded Federal Lead Standard; 278 Systems Are Schools and Day Cares ([AP News](#)).

Millions of People in Bangladesh Still Drinking Arsenic-laced Water ([Guardian UK](#)).

Trumann City (AR) Rescinds Previously Approved Ordinance to Consolidate City with Trumann Rural Water: Mayor Barbara Lewallen read an ordinance rescinding approval of the consolidation. The previously passed ordinance allowed for the transfer of city funds to pay off Trumann Rural Water's indebtedness in the amount of \$45,020.36 ([more](#)).

House Safe Drinking Water Act Committee to Deal with Lead Next Week: The House Energy & Commerce Committee to Hold Lead in Drinking Water Hearing and Status of Related Legislative Proposals.

Upcoming EPA Webinars: Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs) Regulatory Issues and Solutions Webinar ([April 8](#)), Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Optimal Corrosion Control Treatment (OCCT) Evaluation ([April 14](#) and [April 19](#)), and LT2 Source Water Monitoring Webinar ([April 8](#)).

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