

House Moves EPA Appropriations Bill: A House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on Wednesday approved the [fiscal year 2017 appropriations bill](#) for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The bill includes funding for a number of initiatives important to small and rural communities such as:

- \$2,521,410,000 - for the EPA Environmental Program Management Program Account which includes \$15,000,000 for technical assistance competitive grants similar to last year's provision.
- \$1,070,000,000 - for the drinking water state revolving fund.
- \$1,000,000,000 - for the clean water state revolving fund.
- \$109,700,000 - for the states' public water system supervision program.
- \$164,915,000 - for \$319 Nonpoint Source grants.
- \$50,000,000 -- for the new WIFIA program.

The House Appropriations Subcommittee cut the SRFs by \$186,620,000 and increased WIFIA by \$50,000. NRWA was the only national water association urging the Subcommittee to keep the funds within the SRFs.

NRWA Regulatory Committee - Your Peers Standing Up for You: The committee will meet this week to craft rural water policy on a number of current issues. The committee will be reviewing its quarterly report on rural water policy activity which has been released in an info graphic format for the first time ([Reg. Committee Quarterly Report](#)). The report includes the O'Connell Report which quantifies the cost savings to the members of NRWA advocacy and the Susar Report with its list of recent actions and positions taken by the committee. These two reports are named after the current and past chairmen of the committee who called for the reports to better educate the membership on the purpose of the committee (and the association).

EPA Warns of Eight Water Facilities in Alabama with PFOA/PFOS:

EPA issued a health advisory on May 19th stating that eight facilities in Alabama showed higher than recommended concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid ([more](#)).

Chemical Company to pay \$6 Million West Virginia Community to Remove PFOA: Chemours will install activated carbon filters to eliminate traces of C8, also known as perfluorooctanoic acid, from the water supply in Vienna, West Virginia. After the EPA disclosed the new guidelines, the Vienna Water Department advised residents not to drink city water. In February, tests paid for by the city of Vienna found five of its wells had C8 levels just above 0.01 parts per billion. Investigations revealed that more than 1.7 million pounds of C8 had been released into the region's water,

soil and air between 1951 and 2003 ([more](#)).

Corpus Christi (Texas) Under Boil Order Resulting from Nitrogen-rich Runoff from Rain ([more](#)).

Nebraska County Cuts Ties with Consolidated Rural Water System:
The Washington County Board of Supervisors is washing its hands of the county's rural water system. Last week, the county board voted to request that the county be removed from an interlocal agreement and requested to be paid a lump sum of \$182,467 ([more](#)).

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