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PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON RECOVERY ACT-FUNDED DRINKING WATER, WASTEWATER PROJECTS

Public Meeting Set for July 29

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority and the Department of Environmental Protection will accept public comment on proposed drinking water and wastewater projects slated to be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, DEP Secretary John Hanger announced today. "This is an opportunity for the public and water system professionals to review the proposed projects and comment on how the recovery funds are being spent to improve water quality across Pennsylvania," said Hanger. "The emphasis for this round of funding is on 'green' infrastructure such as energy efficient turbines and lighting systems and water conservation measures at drinking and wastewater facilities."

The funding will be appropriated through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and will be used for design, engineering and construction of drinking water, wastewater treatment, green infrastructure and pollution abatement projects.

A public meeting to receive comments will be held at 1 p.m. on July 29 in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg.

To offer comments at the public meeting, or in writing, contact DEP's Division of Technical and Financial Assistance at (717) 772-4053, or by e-mail to Veronica Kasi at vbkasi@state.pa.us, or by mail to the following address by 4 p.m. on July 20:

Department of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation Division of Technical and Financial Assistance

P. O. Box 8467 11th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building 400 Market St., Harrisburg, PA 17101

To be considered by the department and PENNVEST, the written comments must be received by the Division of Technical and Financial Assistance by close of business on Aug. 3.

Persons in need of accommodations as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should contact Veronica Kasi at (717) 772-4053 or through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD).

A copy of the intended use plans and the project priority lists is available by contacting DEP at (717) 772-4053 or online at: www.depweb.state.pa.us/watersupply/cwp/view.asp?a=1263&Q=448094&watersupplyNav=|30198|.

To learn more about how the federal Recovery Act will benefit Pennsylvania, visit www.recovery.pa.gov.

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