

Drinking Water Capacity Development Strategy Update



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Drinking Water Capacity Development

- **Capacity Development** – A process for public water systems (PWS) to acquire and maintain the technical, managerial, and financial capacity to consistently provide safe and reliable drinking water.
- One of the provisions of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in order for states to receive the full benefit of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- **Capacity Development Strategy must address:**
 1. Method or criteria to identify and prioritize PWS most in need of improving capacity
 2. Description of factors encouraging and impeding PWS capacity development
 3. Description of how the Cabinet will use the authority/resources of the SDWA to assist PWS in complying with regulations, enhance capacity
 4. Description of how the Cabinet will establish a baseline and measure improvement in capacity
 5. Identify persons with an interest in, or involved in the development and implementation of the Capacity Development Strategy



Updates to the Strategy

- **America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 – Asset Management Planning**
 6. Describe how the Cabinet will encourage development of PWS asset management plans that include best management practices, and assist PWS in training operators and relevant persons in implementing such asset management plans
- Modification of managerial and financial criteria used to assess capacity
- Update of factors that encourage and impair capacity development
- Method to establish a baseline, measure improvements, provide training, and technical assistance
- Notification process improvements



What now?

- Recommendations from the Capacity Development Workgroup have been incorporated into the Strategy
- Reviewed by pertinent DOW Managers and Director's Office
- Unofficially reviewed by EPA
- 30-day public notice on the Division of Water's website
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- Sent to EPA for official review and approval



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