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Date: October 26, 2022
To: All municipal wastewater facilities, systems, associations, and engineering firms
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Subject: Clean Watershed Needs Survey (CWNS)

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection is reaching out to all Maine municipal and quasi-municipal wastewater entities to gather information on the state’s wastewater infrastructure via our 2022 Clean Watersheds “Needs Survey” (CWNS). The last Official Survey was conducted in 2012, and now the Environmental Protection Agency has launched their request for information to benefit of the state and its communities.

What we need from you now is to provide us with your wastewater needs information that reflects the current situation in your entity. The CWNS has detailed instructions on how to fill out the information on your facility, financial status, and wastewater needs. We encourage you to use any Asset Management Plans or Fiscal Sustainability Plans or Capital Improvement Plans (if you have generated them previously) to assist you while evaluating your needs.

Completion of this survey is crucial because it allows the Department to provide the gathered wastewater needs information to both the Executive and Legislative branches of state and federal government, thus justifying funds for both the state match in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program and State bonds or sustainable funding mechanisms for grants.

To secure the needed funding for wastewater infrastructure in Maine, our goal is to have 100% participation from all publicly owned treatment works and satellite collection systems. To lend credibility to the survey, costs must be supported by acceptable documentation. A list of the acceptable documentation types is included in the Needs Information Instructions attached to this email.

Even if your system has no documented needs, we are requesting that you complete the Facility Information and User Rate Information portions of the survey.

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NOTE: The federal funding formula for the State of Maine will be changed depending on each State's need. The Department will only be accepting applications for funding future project requests for those who respond to the 2022 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS). Surveys completed and which then come to the Department with a funding request that was listed as a need will receive 5 environmental points in the ranking process. **IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE SURVEY, YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS.** While you would still be eligible to request funding in the form of loans, you will miss an opportunity for an available \$3.5M-\$4M in base SRF funding PF and \$8M in supplemental (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) funding PF per year.

Please submit your completed survey sheets electronically to Maine.CWSRF.Grants@maine.gov by 5pm on or before **December 28, 2022**. **Electronic submission is preferred**, but if it is not possible, please mail to the physical address specified in the General Survey Instructions. Should you have any questions as you fill out the survey, please contact Robert Hartley at (207) 881-9490 or Patricia Korbet at (207) 287-7805.