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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayors, Public Works Directors, Presidents of County Boards of Supervisors, County Administrators, Wastewater District/Authority Directors, Consulting Engineers, and Other Interested Parties

FROM: MS Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of Pollution Control  
Surface Water Division/Construction Branch 

SUBJECT: Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF) Program  
Wastewater and Non-Point Source Pollution Control Projects  
Draft FY-15 WPCRLF Intended Use Plan (IUP)

DATE: August 20, 2015

The Department of Environmental Quality has established a public comment period through September 22, 2015, on the Draft FY-15 WPCRLF IUP. This document is being sent to all potential loan recipients and their consultants that have projects listed on the FY-15 Priority List and the FY- 16 and After Planning List of this IUP. The Draft IUP is also available for viewing/downloading on our MDEQ website at [www.deq.state.ms.us](http://www.deq.state.ms.us), by choosing "Programs" then under "Loans" choosing "Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund" then choosing the related link under "Documents;" or, a mailed hard copy can be requested by contacting Sandra Powell at 601-961-5125.

Written comments on the Draft FY-15 Intended Use Plan must be received at the below address no later than Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Also, the Department will hold a public hearing on this document at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 22, 2015, in the Commission Hearing Room at the offices of the Department of Environmental Quality, located at 515 East Amite in Jackson, to receive written or oral comments on this document. All comments, regardless of how they are received, will be given equal consideration by the Commission on Environmental Quality prior to adoption of this document.

Several significant portions of the Draft FY-15 IUP are as follows:

- **Draft WPCRLF FY-15 Priority List**

The Draft FY-15 Priority List in Section IV, which shows the projects proposed for funding, was developed based on the following: 1) the FY-15 Title VI Clean Water SRF appropriation of \$1,448,887,000; (2) the State of Mississippi's allotment percentage

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funds were not authorized during the Spring 2015 Legislative Session, but will be again requested during the Spring 2016 Session; and (4) the Department will obligate WPCRLF loan repayments and interest earnings (from existing closed loans) projected to be received through the end of June, 2017, as shown in Appendix A.

- **Interest Rate to be 1.75%**

As shown in Section II.c of the Draft FY-15 IUP, a 1.75% interest rate is proposed for all FY-15 loans.

- **FY-15 Priority System Deadlines**

Section IV.F outlines the Priority System deadlines for certain document submittals for the FY-15 projects. These deadlines have been established in order to insure that funds are reserved only for projects that are proceeding in a timely manner toward loan award. If these deadlines are not met, the funds reserved for FY-15 projects may be released and made available to projects on the 2016 and After Planning List that are “ready to award” as described in Section IV.D.2.c.

- **Additional Federal Requirements for Fiscal Year 2015 and After**

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act, 2014 (WRRDA), which was passed by Congress and signed into law by the President on June 10, 2014, included amendments to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program authorized by Title VI of the Federal Clean Water Act. Those amendments, along with the exhaustion of “banked equivalency/cross-cutter compliance,” utilized by the WPCRLF Program since FY-2001, are requiring significant changes to the WPCRLF Program for loans awarded October 1, 2014, and after. “Part 2” of this IUP provides details of these changes, including which of them require immediate implementation in FY-2015, as well as others which will be implemented next FY.