DWS Circular Letter #2016-06

To: Applicants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans (DWSRF)

From: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section

Date: March 9, 2016

Subject: Public Act 14-98 Section 46: Public Water System Improvement Program

Section 46 of Public Act 14-98 (effective July 1, 2014) appropriated $50 million in state general obligation bonds to provide supplemental grants-in-aid to not-for-profit public water systems that are eligible to receive loan funding through the DWSRF. The DPH does not anticipate any significant allocations of PA 14-98 Section 46 funding during calendar year 2016. The DPH is pursuing a limited opportunity under this Statute and the DPH Drinking Water Section has been in contact with those public systems that might receive funding. As a result of these circumstances, applicants that have applied for DWSRF funding in State Fiscal Year 2016 or 2017 must be prepared to move forward with their project(s) and execute DWSRF funding agreements with the expectation that these grants-in-aid will not be available during calendar year 2016.

Public Water Systems that have already awarded construction contracts to contractor(s) for projects that are scheduled to receive DWSRF funding will be expected to move forward with your DWSRF funding agreement(s) as expeditiously as possible. DWS staff may be reaching out to you in the near future to get any remaining information that may be necessary to prepare these agreements. You are urged to give these outreach effort prompt attention if you are contacted.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) will continue to communicate on a routine basis concerning any future opportunities that may arise due to PA 14-98 Section 46. The DWS intends to keep you informed if any progress is achieved in this regard.

If you have any questions or if the anticipated unavailability of grants-in-aid is going to create any delays to your project schedule then please contact Cameron Walden, Supervising Sanitary Engineer, at (860) 509-7333.

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