



# Update on Safe Drinking Water Act Legislation

Communications and Legislation Committee

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# Safe Drinking Water Act

## SDWA Act and major amendments



Key federal law for protecting public water supplies



Bioterrorism Act



WIIN Act

# Major Provisions of SDWA

- Regulated Public Water Systems
- National Drinking Water Regulations
- Drinking Water Security
- State Revolving Funds (SRF)
- Other Areas
  - Lead in drinking water
  - Underground injection control
  - Source water assessment and protection
  - Operator certification

# Recent Congressional Activities

- H.R. 3387 (Harper, R-Miss.) Drinking Water System Improvement Act of 2017
- Status
  - Introduced July 25, 2017
  - Broad bipartisan support
  - Awaiting vote on House floor
  - Congressional Budget Office report
    - \$9 billion over 10 years
    - Net increase in deficit of \$572 million over 10 years

# Drinking Water System Improvement Act

## ● Regulated Public Water Systems

	Existing SDWA	H.R. 3387
Public Water System Supervision Grants	\$100 M/year	\$150 M/year
Mandatory consolidation authority for repeated violations	No	Yes, with liability protections for acquiring system
Consumer Confidence Report frequency	Annual	Bi-Annual, electronic delivery, w/improved readability

# Drinking Water System Improvement Act (cont.)

- National Drinking Water Regulations

	Existing SDWA	H.R. 3387
Monitoring of up to 30 unregulated contaminants	Required for >10,000 people	Required for >3,000 people (2x systems)
Data quality	--	Plan to improve accuracy and availability of monitoring data

# Drinking Water System Improvement Act (cont.)

- Water System Security

	Existing SDWA	H.R. 3387
Vulnerability Assessment	One-time, Submitted in 2002	Every 5 years, using established standards
Submittal	Held by EPA	Submit certificate only
Hazards included	Terrorist attack or intentional act	Malevolent act & natural hazards

# Drinking Water System Improvement Act (cont.)

- State Revolving Loan Funds

	Existing SDWA	H.R. 3387
Funding authorization	\$1 B/year	Increases to \$2 B/year in 5 years
Maximum share for disadvantaged communities	30%	35%, minimum of 6%
Loan amortization	20 years, 30 years for disadvantaged community	30 years, 40 years for disadvantaged community

# Next Steps

- H.R. 3387 may be incorporated into broader infrastructure package
- Consistent with Board policy
- Continue to report progress

