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Potential Impacts of a Federal Infrastructure Package

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More than 215,000 service connections serving 360,000+ customers

- 300 Employees
- 58 million gallons of water sold daily
- 94 safety and operational excellence awards

Three states › 15 counties › 37 communities
1 natural gas, 2 wastewater, and 14 water districts
Administration's Goal:

- Seek and Secure Long-term Changes
- Key Principles
  - Make targeted federal investments
  - Encourage self-help
  - Align infrastructure with entities best suited to provide sustained and efficient investment
  - Leverage private sector
CHALLENGES / OPPORTUNITIES
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- Aging and Expired Infrastructure
- Emerging Contaminants
- Resiliency Concerns
- Sustainability
- Job Creation and Retiring Workforce
- Affordability
OPPORTUNITIES

- Encourage regionalization
  - Incentives to support partnerships
  - Seek qualified water and wastewater utilities

- Benefits of regionalization
  - Environmental expertise
  - Operating/capital efficiencies
  - Efficient operations
  - Access to capital
REGIONALIZATION HELPS MOVE THE WATER INDUSTRY FORWARD

- Size matters - The 2-edged sword!
- Too many water systems in the United States

~ 51,000 Water Utilities
~ 3,000 Electric Utilities
~ 1,200 Gas Utilities
Industry is facing a $1T problem
- Federal funding alone will not fix the problem

Private sector needs to be part of the solution
- SRF fund in 2017 was $2.3B
- Five largest regulated utilities budgeted $2.7B

Federal government should focus on
- Establishing the framework
- Breakdown barriers
Voluntary Water Partnership For Distressed Communities Act

- Amend Safe Drinking Water Act
  - Focused on significant noncompliance system
- Encourage partnerships
- Voluntary decision
- Pursue collaborative solutions
  - Public-private or public-public partnership, acquisition
- Avoid EPA penalties
QUESTIONS?
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