

# Committee on Water

A high-speed photograph of water being poured into a clear glass. The water is captured mid-pour, creating a dynamic splash with many small droplets and bubbles. The background is a solid, light blue color. A dark grey horizontal band is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing the event title and subtitle in white text.

# NARUC Summer Policy Summit

Potential Impacts of a Federal Infrastructure Package

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# EPCOR USA

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

## EPCOR OPERATIONS

 Water Facilities    Water/Wastewater Facilities    Wastewater Facilities    Water Transmission    Natural Gas

# FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE INITIATIVE

## 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



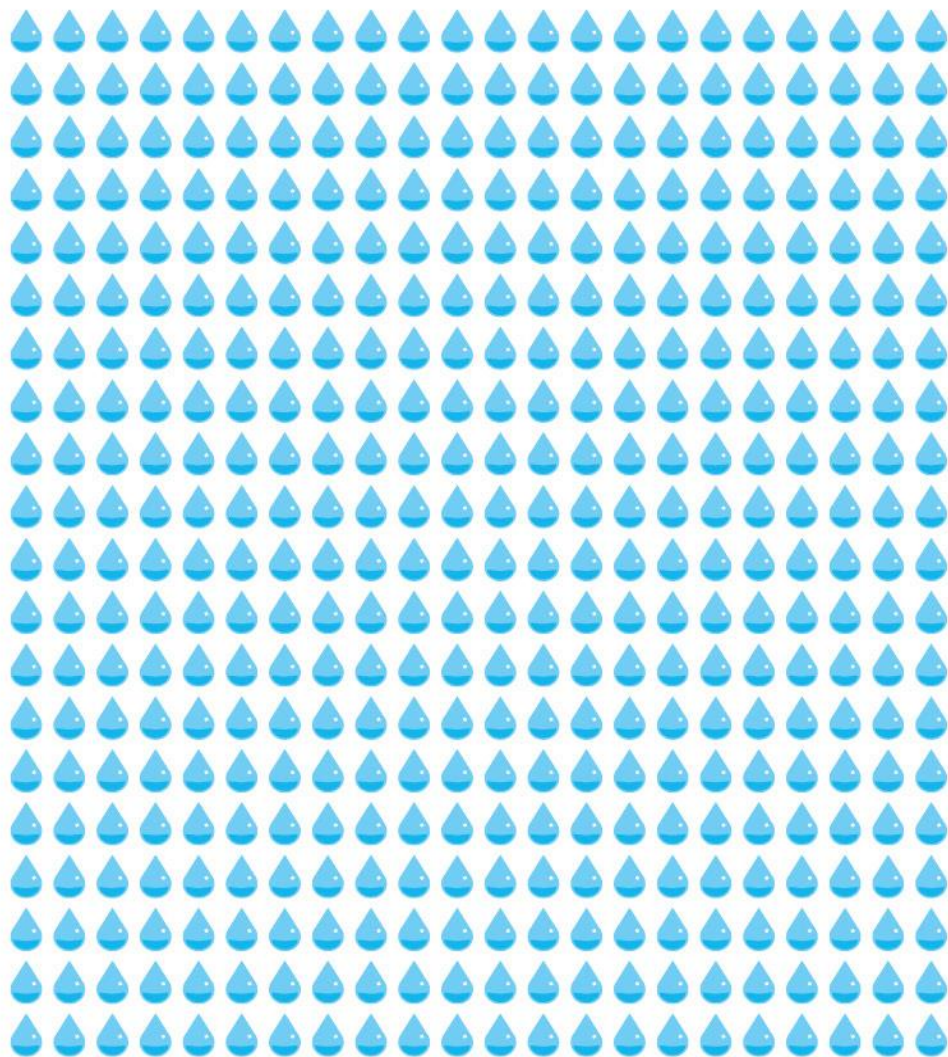


# OPPORTUNITIES

- 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



# WHY SUPPORT REGIONALIZATION?



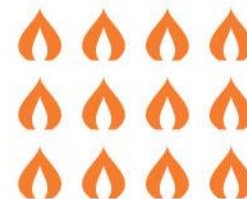
~ 51,000 Water Utilities

## REGIONALIZATION HELPS MOVE THE WATER INDUSTRY FORWARD

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



~ 3,000 Electric Utilities



~ 1,200 Gas Utilities



# ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

- 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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