

[Sent via email to the Financial Assistance (Drinking Water Assistance Fund) electronic mailing list]

Public Water Suppliers, Mayors, County Commissioners,
Authority Officials, Consulting Engineers, and Interested Citizens:

**RE: Drinking Water Assistance Fund
2012 Final Program Management and Intended Use Plan**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to provide notice that the 2012 Final Program Management and Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the Ohio Drinking Water Assistance Fund is final with an effective date of August 31, 2011. The draft IUP was made available to the public for a thirty (30) day comment period. Two public meetings were held on August 29, 2011 to receive comments on the draft plan. One comment was received and several people attended the meetings. The final public notice is included below.

The Drinking Water Assistance Fund will allow Ohio EPA to offer below-market rate loans to assist publicly and privately owned public water systems to make needed improvements to their drinking water systems. All community and nonprofit non-community public water systems are eligible for consideration. In addition, the program will provide small systems technical assistance, and funding for the Source Water Assessment and Protection Program. Program Year 2012 will be the fourteenth year of implementation of the Drinking Water Assistance Fund. Implementation of the program will help meet the financial needs of Ohio's public water systems during this program year, and in the future years through continued availability of the program.

We thank you for your interest and support of Ohio's Drinking Water Assistance Fund. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the final plan, please contact Christine Brock in the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters at (614) 644-2752. The plan is also available at: www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/financialassistance.aspx

The Division of Drinking and Ground Waters
Drinking Water Assistance Fund

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
P U B L I C N O T I C E
Final Program Management and Intended Use Plan
For the Drinking Water Assistance Fund
For Program Year 2012

Public notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency issued a final action effective August 31, 2011 adopting the Program Management and Intended Use Plan for the Drinking Water Assistance Fund that has been authorized by Ohio Revised Code section 6109.22 and Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. This action may be appealed, in writing, within thirty (30) days of this notice, to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 77 South High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Notice of any appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days. This notice of appeal shall be sent to: Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Consult ORC Chapter 3745 and OAC Chapters 3745-47 and 3746-05 for requirements.

Copies of the Final Program Management and Intended Use Plan are available from the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, upon request, and also through the Internet at www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/financialassistance.aspx.