

## STATEMENT FROM AWWA AND WEF TO ALL MEMBERS

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, aka the stimulus bill) includes provisions (commonly called the Buy American provisions) requiring that recipients of stimulus funds through the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) or the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) use domestic iron and steel and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States. The law provides for waiver of this provision under several limited circumstances.

Several companies and organizations have offered interpretations of the Buy American provisions as part of educational, promotional, or other outreach. AWWA and WEF members are cautioned that the only official guidance on the application of Buy American provisions is that published by US EPA.

The official US EPA guidance, including instructions on initiating a waiver request, can be found on the US EPA web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/04-29-2009\\_BA\\_waiver\\_process\\_final.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/04-29-2009_BA_waiver_process_final.pdf)

If you have questions you are advised to contact the SRF officials in your state or the US EPA regional CWSRF or DWSRF contacts. A list of these contacts can also be accessed on the US EPA web site:

Clean Water SRF contacts

<http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/cwsrf/contacts.htm>

Drinking Water SRF contacts

[http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf/pdfs/contacts\\_dwsrf\\_regional.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf/pdfs/contacts_dwsrf_regional.pdf)

We urge all AWWA and WEF members to rely upon this official guidance in making decisions about procurement or contracting for projects funded by the stimulus bill.

Sincerely,

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