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Effective Water Sector Utility Management

Statement of Intent

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)
American Public Works Association (APWA)
American Water Works Association (AWWA)
National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)
Water Environment Federation (WEF)

Introduction: This Statement of Intent is entered into and between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the following organizations: Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), American Public Works Association (APWA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), National Association of Water Companies (NAWC), and the Water Environment Federation (WEF). These organizations are referred to herein as the Signatory Organizations.

Background: Recent events have highlighted the fundamental importance of sustaining our Nation's water and wastewater infrastructure. Effective utility management is key to achieving this goal. Effective management can help utilities enhance the stewardship of their infrastructure, improve performance in critical areas, and respond to other challenges. Addressing the Nation's water and wastewater infrastructure also calls for ongoing collaboration between government, industry, elected officials, and other stakeholders. The Signatory Organizations have a history of collaborating to promote effective utility management and desire to formalize these efforts.

Purpose: The purpose of this Statement is to formalize a collaborative effort among the signatory organizations in order to promote effective utility management. The Statement is intended to describe and facilitate cooperation, collaboration, coordination, and effective communication among the signatory organizations.