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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Use of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to Implement Security Measures at Public Water Systems

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To: Water Division Directors
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Ever since the tragic events of September 11, EPA, states and water utilities have been working hard to ensure that our nation’s water supply is safe. We have received questions from state and EPA regional personnel asking what resources are available to help public water systems take measures to ensure the security of facilities and drinking water sources. This memo transmits a fact sheet that explains how the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) may be used by states to help public water systems implement protection measures.

A similar fact sheet was distributed to the National Governor’s Association and some of the material will also appear in a forthcoming notice from the EPA Water Protection Task Force. Please note that while the fact sheet includes several types of projects that systems may need to implement to ensure security, it is not intended to be inclusive of all such activities - which may also be eligible through the program.

We encourage you to work with your States to as they work to ensure that PWSs have measures in place to secure their facilities. If you have any additional questions, please contact Charles Job, Chief of the Infrastructure Branch at (202) 260-7084.

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