



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 3
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to review and comment on the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (DC Water) proposed use of federal funds to improve the drinking water system in the District of Columbia.

DC Water's proposal comprises [several documents](#) for public review and comment:

- **Intended Use Plans (IUPs):** The IUPs outline how federal funds will be distributed among projects and describe DC Water's project ranking system. There are three (3) IUPs included in this solicitation which outline the proposed use of funds from three (3) different federal funding sources¹.
- **Project Priority Lists (PPL):** The PPLs identify and rank projects that are eligible to receive federal funds based upon their contribution to protecting public health and to improving compliance with safe drinking water regulations. When developing the PPLs, DC Water prioritized work in "disadvantaged communities" as defined by the [White House's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#). The PPLs include maps of this effort. There are two (2) PPLs included in this solicitation which outline the proposed use of funds for two (2) categories of projects²: water distribution system improvement (included in the first and second IUP) and lead service line replacement (included in the third IUP).

EPA is holding a 30-day public comment period from May 16, 2023 through June 15, 2023. Comments should be submitted by June 15, 2023 via the [EPA Region 3 website](#) or sent to Mr. Kenneth Pantuck via email at pantuck.kenneth@epa.gov or in writing at:

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¹ The first IUP receives funds under the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 (Public Law 104-182). These funds are considered the base allotment. The second and third IUPs receive funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58). BIL established a supplemental base allotment and lead service line allotment, the second and third IUPs respectively, which are intended to supplement the base allotment.

² The first PPL includes projects outlined in the IUPs for the base and supplemental base allotments. The second PPL includes projects outlined in the IUP for the lead service line allotment.

Documents:

1. **IUP #1:** Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Base Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024 (Public Law 104-182)
2. **IUP #2:** Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Supplemental Base Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024 (Public Law 117-58)
3. **IUP #3:** BIL Lead Service Line Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024 (Public Law 117-58)
4. **PPL #1:** SDWA Base and BIL Supplemental Base Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024
5. **PPL #2:** BIL Lead Service Line Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2026