



MeWEA offers resources and information about Maine's water environment, with clean water, stormwater, and drinking water professionals. Feel free to contact us!

Maine Water Environment Association (MeWEA)

Infrastructure Funding

Infrastructure funding is essential to Maine's clean water and drinking water facilities. **There is \$3.1 billion of clean water infrastructure needs in Maine.** The State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is critical to funding these projects that have positive economic impacts for Maine communities now and well into the future.



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PFAS & Biosolids Management

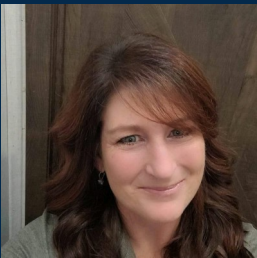
- **PFAS Liability:** Right now, PFAS regulations can leave communities responsible for contamination caused by major corporations. **Supporting explicit exemption from PFAS and PFOA cleanup liability** with the passage of H.R. 1267—Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act— will correct this problem.
- **PFAS Destruction Technology:** Support additional research to destroy and ultimately remove PFAS and PFOA from our environment
- Encourage States to have **Biosolids Management Plans** that appropriately and effectively consider long-term management options.

General Regulations

- **Keep Tax Exempt Status on Municipal Bonds:** Municipalities across the country assume responsibility and financial risk for significant infrastructure projects that are needed to support economic development. Tax exempt bonds are a critical tool for these projects, and **we ask that tax-exempt status on municipal bonds be retained.**
- **Utilize Cost-Benefit Analyses** for future federal and state regulatory mandates. Regulatory requirements need to be backed by sound scientific evidence because these requirements strain already-limited resources for our communities. Aging infrastructure is already a significant strain on Maine, and additional regulation without balanced scientific evidence does not serve our residents.
- **Keep Worker Protections**—Keep the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) which is absolutely essential to protect our water workers.
- Federal Partnership and Support to Recruit the Next Generation of our Water Workforce—**Promote the Water Workforce**

Wipes

- **Please support S.1092/H.R. 2269** “To Require Certain Products to be Labelled with ‘Do Not Flush’ labelling, and for other purposes” Formerly S. 1350/H.R. 2964 introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Sen. Angus King (I-ME). This legislation will help to address the millions of dollars of infrastructure damage caused by flushing wipes that should not be flushed.



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Here to Help:

Feel free to contact Maine Water Environment Association for any questions. We are here to help and have more than 600 members who have many years of experience in the water industry.