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ADMINISTRATOR
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The Honorable Kay Ivey
Governor of Alabama
State Capitol
600 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2751

Dear Governor Ivey:

Communities are on the front lines of addressing an immediate and growing national challenge: aging and inadequate water and drinking water infrastructure. Given the extensive interest in the 2018 funding, I am extending the deadline to apply for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans until **July 31, 2018**. We hope this new deadline will allow even more entities to apply for funding that could bring critical water infrastructure improvements to your states, including those that keep lead and other contaminants out of drinking water.

As I said in my April 4, 2018, letter, EPA launched the WIFIA program last year to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects. In April, we closed our first loan: \$134.5 million to King County, Washington. This loan will help finance a new wet weather treatment station that will better protect public health, improve water quality, and create more than 1,400 jobs – all while saving up to \$32 million compared to standard financing over the life of the loan.

I encourage you to consider bringing these same economic and environmental benefits to communities in your state, as WIFIA funding can be used to address a wide range of projects, including lead service line replacements and upgrading aging infrastructure.

The new **July 31, 2018** deadline for prospective borrowers is still fast approaching. If you have any questions about the WIFIA program, please have your staff contact Jorianne Jernberg at (202) 566-1831 or jernberg.jorianne@epa.gov. EPA's WIFIA team is also available to meet with prospective borrowers. Additional resources are available on our website: www.epa.gov/WIFIA.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Pruitt".

E. Scott Pruitt