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Dear Tribal Leader:

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 loans until **July 31, 2018**. We hope this new deadline will allow even more entities to apply for funding, including projects that keep lead and other contaminants out of drinking water, resulting in critical water infrastructure improvements for tribal communities.

The 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 your community, 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 fast approaching. If you have any questions about the WIFIA program, please contact Jorianne Jernberg at (202) 566-1831 or at jernberg.jorianne@epa.gov. The EPA WIFIA team is also available to meet with prospective borrowers. Additional resources are available on our website at www.epa.gov/WIFIA.

Respectfully yours

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