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Attachments: FY 2022 Budget Summary for Infrastructure.docx

All,
Attached for your review/edits is my draft response to the FY 22 budget question in Question 1. This includes both Clean Water and DW programs. It is over a page so if you'd like to shorten, that's fine. I did not include language about the UCMR set-aside nor the CWNS but have a draft on each that can be easily inserted. LMK if you feel we should include them. If you could provide me your input by 3PM, that would be super.
Sue… if I missed anyone, please forward to them. Thanks!

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All, below are the QFRs we received from Senate Approps. If you are on this email, your branch may have a role in providing responses by COB tomorrow. I've cc'd Sue, Mark M and Michael D in OWM as Dan is out. They are aware of the joint infrastructure questions and are prepared to work with you.

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Questions for the Record Submitted to Administrator Regan from Senator Baldwin

1. Please describe EPA's proposals for resilient infrastructure included in the American Jobs Plan (I'm trying to get any papers developed from OW/IO to assist us) and FY22 budget request (I'll provide a draft for your input/review… will focus on the DWSRF, WIIN grant increases, and AWIA increase. OWM is going to do same), including how these proposals will benefit infrastructure throughout the country—not just in states along the coasts.

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Rural Villages and Towns.

The average town in Vermont has 1,200 people and leadership that is almost all volunteers with full time jobs. These towns are ready to make the investments to update their water, their sewer, their roads, and their zoning and build more housing, and attract young families and new small businesses. But, doing so is a bureaucratic maze. The American Jobs Plan is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for every part of our country.

Q6. How can the EPA support rural places and small towns in this infrastructure plan? How can we ensure that this funding benefits everyone in the country, not just cities that have already been able to invest in the requirements for shovel-ready projects? (Please work with OWM staff and managers to craft the response)

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Questions for the Record Submitted to Administrator Michael Regan from Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL)

Question 1: The Clean Water State Revolving Fund is an incredibly important funding mechanism that provides low-interest loans to states to finance improvements for wastewater infrastructure. This is crucial for mitigating nutrient loads and preventing waste from entering our waterways. Unfortunately, the formula by which these funds are allotted to the states has not significantly changed since 1987, meaning that states receive funds largely based on outdated needs, and the populations that states had in 1987. This reality largely disadvantages states whose populations and water infrastructure needs have grown since 1987. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, on the other hand, takes current need and population into account. (Majority is OWM. Please provide any assistance on what we do in the DWINS to facilitate a response for them.

- Does the Administration believe the Clean Water State Revolving Fund allotment formula should reflect the actual needs of each state?
- Does the Administration support a modernization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund allotment formula to account for the population growth that many states have seen since 1987?
- Will you commit to supporting a modernization of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund allotment formula to more closely reflect the method for allotment of funds under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, so that the Clean Water allotment better addresses wastewater infrastructure needs?
- As the Clean Watersheds Need Survey is in need of reform, would you support an interim allotment formula based on population to better address wastewater need while a new formula based on a reformed needs survey is in development?

OW to provide support:

OAR/OW/OP – DWPD Prevention

Questions for the Record Submitted to Administrator Regan from Senator Hoeven

Question 1 (While we aren't the lead, including this as awareness due to UIC involvement. If you have any input, please provide it): We've been working to crack the code on CCUS because accelerating the deployment of carbon capture technology is the single most effective thing we can do to lower emissions, while keeping the lights on for families and our economy.
We appreciate the administration's work to prioritize CCUS, including the inclusion of our bipartisan proposals to enhance the 45Q credit for CCUS as well as the SCALE Act, which supports the buildout of necessary infrastructure, including pipelines, to transport and store CO_2.

- **Do you support the buildout of new CO_2 pipelines?**

- **Do you agree that we need more predictable and transparent regulations to build this needed infrastructure?**
- **Do support new infrastructure and technology to capture natural gas and prevent flaring?**
    - **Does this include supporting new pipeline infrastructure to gather and transport natural gas, and reduce methane emissions?**
- **Last year, we worked with the Trump administration to improve and modernize the NEPA review process. At a minimum, do you agree that project developers should have more predictable timelines and that participating agencies should face?**

ORD/OW (WSD Input on question 1b)

Questions for the Record Submitted to Administrator Regan
from Senator Merkley

Question 1: Thank you for committing to work to address the ongoing needs of Oregon and other western states who are struggling to recover from the damage of the 2020 wildfire season. While FEMA has delivered substantial emergency relief to Oregon, I believe the scale of natural disasters in Oregon and other western states demands additional resources that can only be delivered through disaster supplemental legislation.

a. I greatly appreciated that you highlighted the impact that wildfire smoke has on air quality and public health in your testimony. Could you elaborate and expand on the specific impact that wildfire smoke has on air quality and public health?

b. What does the Agency estimate the damage to water infrastructure from 2020 wildfires was?

c. It is widely anticipated that 2021 will be another difficult fire season. How is the Agency preparing for upcoming wildfire season? In your answer, please address how the Agency is planning for wildfire smoke.