

DWSRF Guidance Document Number 16
Emergency Projects

- I. Justification for funding emergency projects is outlined in the Intended Use Plan under Bypass Mechanisms as follows:

“Systems either on or off the Priority List that experience an emergency resulting in an imminent and substantial threat to the public health may bypass all other projects and may be assigned top priority. Emergency additions to the Priority List will result in the lower priority projects identified as Anticipated Loan Recipients being bypassed. The number of projects bypassed will depend upon the amount of funds needed to cover the emergency. The determination of an imminent and substantial health risk for cases involving chemical contamination or a potential disease outbreak is the responsibility of the Department of Health in consultation with DEC. The determination of an emergency situation resulting from an unanticipated water system failure which requires immediate attention to protect the public health is the responsibility of DEC. Projects that may be required to address such a health risk could involve installation of treatment facilities, construction of a new water source, or replacement of a failed system element.”

- II. The procedures for approving and funding an emergency project are as follows:

- A. The water system submits a written request to the DWSRF Program Specialist. The request should include a justification for emergency designation and a completed priority list application.
- B. The DWSRF Program Specialist reviews the request and completes the Emergency Project Review and Approval Form.
- C. The DWSRF Program Specialist and DWSRF Program Manager review the request and indicate approval or disapproval with signature on form.
- D. The Director of the Water Supply Division makes the final determination on approval or disapproval and signs the form.
- E. The DWSRF Program Specialist prepares rough draft of approval or disapproval letter to water system for signature by the DWSRF Program Manager.
- F. The DWSRF Program Specialist and DWSRF Program Manager identify funding for the project and complete the by-pass procedure for any projects that must be by-passed to fund the emergency project.

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