

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 3

## 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

June 20, 2023

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to review and comment on the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (DC Water) proposed use of federal funds to address emerging contaminants in the District of Columbia's drinking water.

DC Water's proposal comprises two documents for public review and comment:

- **Intended Use Plan (IUP)**: The IUP outlines how federal funds will be distributed among projects and describes DC Water's project ranking system. There is one (1) IUP included in this solicitation which outlines the proposed use of funds from one (1) federal funding source<sup>1</sup>.
- **Project Priority List (PPL):** The PPL identifies and ranks projects that are eligible to receive federal funds based upon their contribution to protecting public health and to improving compliance with safe drinking water regulations. When developing the PPL, DC Water prioritized work in "disadvantaged communities" as defined by the <a href="White House's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool">White House's Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool</a>.

EPA is holding a 30-day public comment period from June 20, 2023, through July 20, 2023. Comments should be submitted by July 20, 2023 to Mr. Kenneth Pantuck via email at <a href="mailto:pantuck.kenneth@epa.gov">pantuck.kenneth@epa.gov</a> or in writing at:

Mr. Kenneth Pantuck U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3 Water Division Infrastructure and Assistance Section (3WD32) Four Penn Center 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

## Documents:

1. **IUP #1**: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Emerging Contaminants Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024 (Public Law 117-58)

2. **PPL #1**: BIL Emerging Contaminants Allotment for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The IUP receives funds under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58). BIL established an allotment for Emerging Contaminants.