



Des Moines Water Works 2024 Federal Priorities

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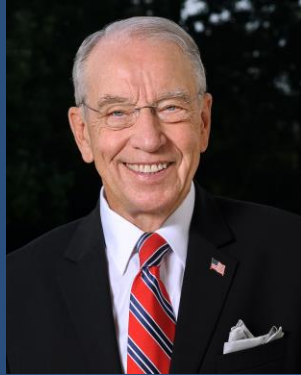
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Issue Areas

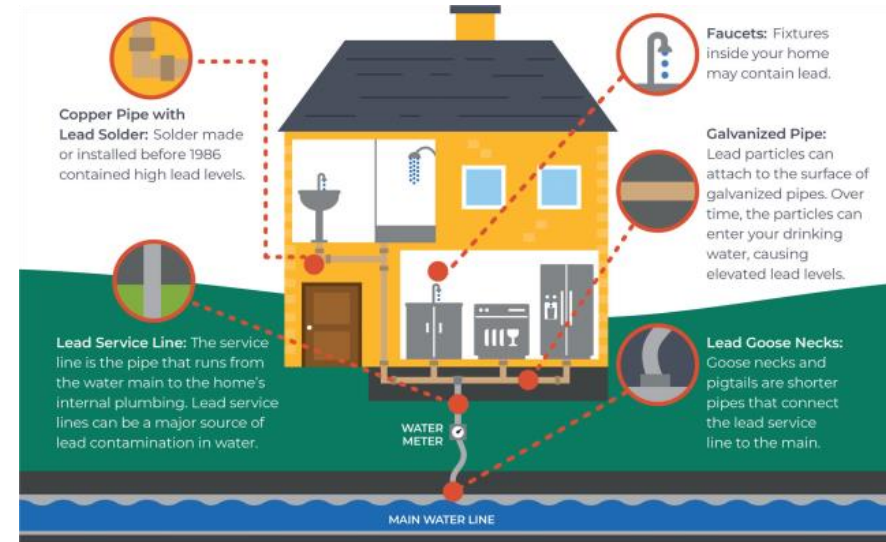
Infrastructure Funding

Lead Service Line Replacement

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)

PFAS

Cybersecurity Compliance



Policy Priorities



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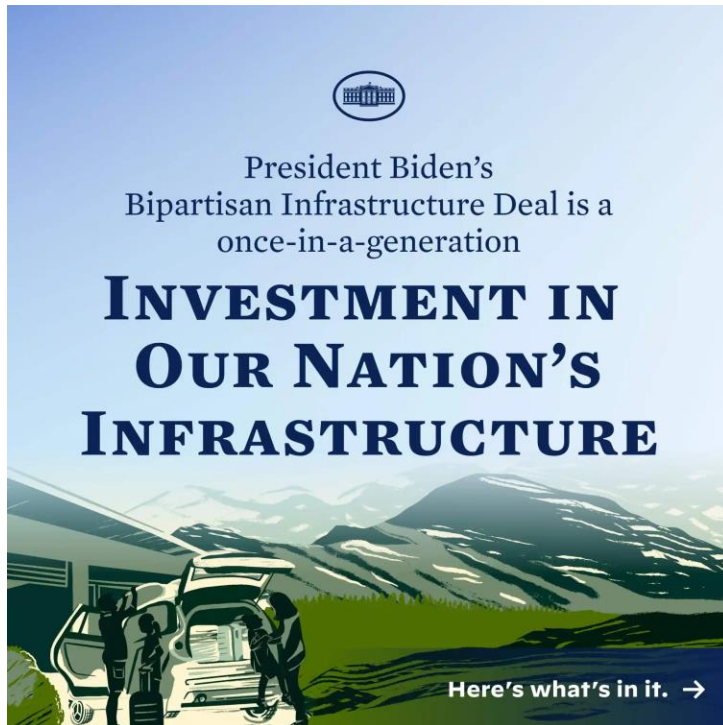
Regulatory Engagement



Strategic Partnerships



Infrastructure Funding



- Raise awareness of the need for more robust funding for state revolving funds.
 - Grants, forgivable loans and low interest revolving funds.
 - Congressionally Directed Spending.
- Ensure that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is implemented with the legislative intent of Congress in mind.
 - Interior Appropriations Bill Amendment.
 - Potential legislation amending the funding included in the IJJA.
 - Financing Lead Out of Water (FLOW) Act.



Regulatory Engagement



Environmental Protection Agency

- Lead and Copper Rule Improvements
 - This month, EPA released draft guidance that would require complete lead service line replacement within 10 years, lower the “action level” for lead from 15ppb to 10ppb and institutes new tap testing requirements on the first and fifth samples.
 - Federal funding remains a primary concern. The IIJA provided \$15 billion for lead service line replacement, however the project could cost over \$30 billion.
 - Comments on the rule are due by February 5th.
- PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation
 - In March, EPA promulgated regulations establishing Maximum Containment Levels (MCLs) of 4ppb for PFOA and PFOS.
 - Various water agencies commented on the rule questioning the feasibility of the testing levels and cautioning that costs for instituting the rule could be prohibitive.
 - The final rule is expected Q1 2024.





Strategic Partnerships

- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
 - Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.
 - Member-to-Member Inquiries.
 - Continued engagement on increasing access to IJA funding for lead service lines.
- Iowa Association of Water Agencies
 - Collaborated on a letter to the Congressional delegation bringing attention to the issues facing water utilities in accessing funding allocated to address lead service lines.
- Advocacy Strategies
 - Close partnership to ensure that federal and state priorities are aligned and DMWW is in strong position to raise awareness for its federal and state needs.



Questions?





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