

December 16, 2024

## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of PN-2023-G01-R1: Investing in America Signage Term and Condition

**FROM:** Anita Maria Thompkins, Director

Drinking Water Infrastructure Development Division

Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

Raffael Stein, Director

Water Infrastructure Division

Office of Wastewater Management

**TO:** Water Division Directors

State Revolving Fund Branch Chiefs

Regions 1-10

On December 5, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Grants and Debarment rescinded PN-2023-G01-R1: Investing in America Signage Term and Condition (T&C). Therefore, the Investing in America T&C is no longer required. This memorandum explains the related changes for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs.

The EPA will no longer enforce the Investing in America T&C on applicable<sup>1</sup> Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) SRF assistance agreements signed on or after December 5, 2024. Relatedly, the EPA is rescinding the December 2022 <u>Guidelines for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signage Term and Condition for the State Revolving Fund Programs</u> memorandum for BIL SRF projects funded on or after December 5, 2024.

For already-awarded BIL SRF capitalization grants, the EPA will remove the Investing in America T&C during the next amendment action (including adding funds or no-cost). The EPA will not include the T&C in future BIL SRF capitalization grants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The December 2022 <u>Guidelines for Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signage Term and Condition for the State Revolving Fund Programs</u> memorandum lists (on page 2) the projects to which the BIL signage T&C applied.

If SRF assistance recipients already procured, built, or installed the BIL signs, the sign and the related expenses are still SRF-eligible expenses. If existing BIL signs are damaged, they do not need to be replaced.

For BIL equivalency assistance agreements signed on or after December 5, 2024, those projects must instead meet the June 2015 <u>Guidelines for Enhancing Public Awareness of SRF Assistance</u>

<u>Agreements</u> signage/public awareness requirements. The guidelines offer several options that states can use to enhance public awareness of SRF assistance agreements. The EPA will include the June 2015 signage/public awareness requirement T&C in future BIL SRF capitalization grant awards.

Thanks for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Aidan Halpin (halpin.aidan@epa.gov) or Karissa Montes (montes.karissa@epa.gov) from our staff.

cc: SRF Regional Section Chiefs, Regions 1-10
Jennifer McLain, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
Yu-Ting Guilaran, Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management
Wynne Miller, Deputy Director, Office of Wastewater Management
Matt Klasen, Acting Deputy Director, Drinking Water Infrastructure Development Division
Veronica Blette, Acting Associate Director, Water Infrastructure Division
Damaris Christensen, Supervisor, Water Finance Branch
Michael Deane, Chief, State Revolving Fund Branch
Kiri Anderer, Supervisor, Water Infrastructure Technical Support Branch