



# **Federal Legislative and Regulatory Update**

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# THE ISSUES

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- **Pending Legislation**
- **Regulatory**
- **2021 Outlook**

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# LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

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- **COVID-19 Assistance**
- **Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations**
- **Infrastructure**
- **PFAS Mandates**

# COVID-19 AND FISCAL YEAR 2021 SPENDING

## ➤ COVID-19

### ❑ HEROES Act Versus American Workers Holiday Relief Act

- ❖ \$3 Trillion/\$900 Billion
- ❖ Ratepayer Assistance
- ❖ Local Governmental Assistance
- ❖ Service Shut-off Moratorium

## ➤ Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations

### ❑ Omnibus or Continuing Resolution?

- ❖ State Revolving Loan Fund \$1.4 Billion
- ❖ Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act \$60 Million
- ❖ Water Recycling: \$60 Million
- ❖ PFAS Congressional Directives to Regulate?

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# REGULATORY

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## ➤ **PFAS Action Plan Impacts Limited (For Now)**

- ☐ **Analytical Modeling**
- ☐ **Monitoring of Effluent**
- ☐ **Reporting**

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# LOOKING AHEAD: 2021

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- **Narrow Congressional Majorities**
  - ❑ **House: 5 - 6 Seat Majority**
  - ❑ **Senate: Georgia Runoffs (50/50, 51/49, 52/48)**
  - ❑ **Forces Moderation in Policymaking**
  
- **Key Policymaking Options**
  - ❑ **Healthcare—Pandemic**
  - ❑ **Infrastructure—Economic Recovery**
  - ❑ **Climate Resiliency**
  - ❑ **Enforcement**
  - ❑ **Environmental Justice**

# INFRASTRUCTURE

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## ➤ **House Approach: Moving Forward Act**

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- ❑ **\$14 Billion: Clean Water**
- ❑ **\$150 Million: Alternative Water Supply Projects**
- ❑ **\$500 Million: Water Recycling**
- ❑ **\$500 Million: Wastewater Smart Technology Grants**

## ➤ **Senate Approach: America's Water Infrastructure Act**

- ❑ **\$7.5 Billion Clean Water State Revolving Fund**
- ❑ **\$100 Million Grants (80% Federal)**
- ❑ **\$15 Million Resiliency Assistance Grants (75% Federal)**
- ❑ **Plastics/Micro-Plastic Reduction Grants**

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# BIDEN APPROACH

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- **\$1.3 Trillion New Spending**
- **Safe and Reliable Water/Environmental Justice**
- **Climate Resiliency and Hardening Infrastructure**



# Biden's First 24 HOURS

## ➤ Potential Executive Actions

- ☐ Enforcement Policy Reversal
- ☐ Regulatory Agenda Reversal
  - ❖ (2 out 1 In)
- ☐ Review of Judicial Initiatives
- ☐ Buy America Mandates Expansion
- ☐ Diversity Training Prohibition
- ☐ Transmittal of Nominations to Senate

# Questions?

