

Project Name:

Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Recipient:

Waurika Public Works Authority

Address:

122 South Main, Waurika, OK 73573

Amount Requested:

\$2,000,000

Project Explanation:

The Waurika Public Works Authority currently operates a micro-membrane water treatment facility that provides drinking water the City of Waurika, the Town of Ryan, and Jefferson County Rural Water District #1 which serves customers in multiple counties. The water plant is in violation of stage I disinfection by-products rule for exceedances of the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes. The ODEQ entered consent order 16-301 which requires that these violations be addressed. As outlined in an engineering report prepared by the City Engineer and approved by ODEQ engineers—WPWA must construct a new conventional style treatment plant which will address critical deficiencies in the WPWA water treatment plant and provide a more reliable and efficient process to meet current and proposed ODEQ and EPA regulations.

The water treatment process must be improved to ensure adequate organic removal. Other ancillary projects such as back-up power generation at the raw water pump station, and the incorporation of clarification and multimedia filtration will all provide a more reliable and safe water supply. The construction of a conventional style plant be as follows: Replace the existing water treatment plant and install two traditional sedimentation basins, and three multimedia filters to address all deficiencies outlined in table 3 of the engineering report.

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March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Water Treatment Plant improvements in Waurika, Oklahoma in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Waurika Public Works Authority, located at 122 South Main, Waurika, OK 73573.

The funding would be used for the construction of a conventional style plant at 8722 US Highway 70, Waurika, Oklahoma 73573 by replacing the existing water treatment plant and installing two traditional sedimentation basins, and three multimedia filters. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide treated water that follows state and federal drinking water standards. It will address the deficiencies and violations noted by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, which will provide more reliable source of water for communities that rely on this system for their main source of water.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Tom Cole
Member of Congress