

Senators seek up to \$5 billion for water infrastructure

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A bipartisan group of senators on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee have sent a letter to the Senate leadership requesting the inclusion in the forthcoming economic stimulus legislation of up to \$5 billion in funding for water and wastewater infrastructure. “Although Americans take clean, safe water for granted, our drinking and wastewater infrastructure is in disrepair throughout the nation, with literally billions of dollars in documented critical needs,” the senators said in their letter. “Accelerating improvements in the security of clean water and drinking water is also imperative. In that connection, we recommend funding between \$1 billion and \$5 billion in federal matching grants to states and municipalities for the purpose of upgrading this critical, but aging and failing, infrastructure.