

MANAGER'S AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION

1. Assistance to Disadvantaged Communities:

This amendment requires a State's intended use plan to provide that, of the funds received by the State through a capitalization grant, the State will, to the extent that there are sufficient eligible project applications, reserve not less than 6 percent to be spent on assistance for disadvantaged communities.

2. Drinking Water Fountain Replacement:

This amendment creates a grant program to provide assistance to local educational agencies for the replacement of drinking water fountains manufactured prior to 1988 and for the monitoring and reporting of lead levels in drinking water. Priority of awards is based on economic need. The amendment includes an authorization of \$5 Million for each fiscal year from 2018 to 2022.

3. Lead Service Line Survey:

This amendment requires the national needs survey conducted by the EPA to include an assessment of costs to replace lead service lines in the United States.

4. Prevailing Wage (Davis-Bacon):

This amendment takes the existing prevailing wage requirements for laborers and mechanics on construction projects carried out with assistance made available from the drinking water treatment loan fund – enacted in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012 (P.L. 112-74) – and places it in the organic statute.

5. Cross-Cutting Requirements Study:

This amendment removes the provision in the bill that allows the EPA to accept a demonstration of compliance with a State or Local law as a demonstration of compliance with a Federal requirement that is a prerequisite for receiving Federal funding. In place of this provision, the amendment instructs the Comptroller General (GAO) to perform a study identifying demonstrations of compliance with a State or local laws that may be substantially equivalent to any demonstration required by the EPA for compliance with a Federal requirement that is a prerequisite for receiving Federal funding.