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Subject: Drinking Water Fees Feedback

Hi Tyler!

It is important for DEQ to remember that political subdivisions of the State, including all of DEQ's municipal water systems, are on an Oct-Sep fiscal year per Idaho Code, not the State's Jul-Jun fiscal year or a Calendar fiscal year.

It is important for DEQ to implement any Drinking Water Fees increase in a manner that fits the political subdivision budgeting cycle. Communication of the increase needs to occur in the Spring (April is ideal) of the year *BEFORE* the fee increase is implemented for payment to DEQ, so that political subdivisions can get the increase into the next year's budget early and start collecting fees to pay for the increase starting in October with the start of the fiscal year the increase is due for payment to DEQ - Remember, local rates will have to be increased to cover this DEQ mandated expense.

Please don't force your constituent municipal water systems to pull from reserves on the water side of DEQ's house because no thought was in place at DEQ for budgetary timing.

Your municipal constituents that also have wastewater treatment systems are currently suffering this fiscal year from un-communicated and therefore un-budgeted PFAS testing requirements which were un-expectedly sprung upon wastewater systems by DEQ after the fiscal year started.

Nobody likes being suddenly hit with an unanticipated government mandated expense that they have to pull from saving to pay... Timing is important.

Mayor and Doug - DEQ is looking at an increase in Drinking Water Fees invoiced to water systems to pay for DEQ's regulatory program (funds state primacy). I don't believe amount of increase has been determined yet. Link to DEQ presentation as given in today's AIC weekly overview is at:

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Thank you,

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