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Opportunities for Water Reuse in Small Communities

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OVERVIEW



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Motivation for Water Reuse – all communities

- Pressures threaten the availability of clean and sustainable water supplies
 - Climate change
 - Aging infrastructure
 - Population growth
- Water reuse can provide alternatives to existing water supplies
 - Potable supply augmentation
 - Agriculture and irrigation
 - Industrial processes
 - Environmental restoration



Denver Water contractors install a purple pipe used to deliver recycled water in northeast Denver, Colorado



EPA Water Reuse Program

Advancing reuse for a water secure future

Mission: Expand water reuse knowledge across the federal government and build **technical, financial, and institutional capacity** to enable communities of all sizes to incorporate reuse as part of a resilient water management strategy

- Facilitate implementation of the **National Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP)**
- Convener of the **Water Reuse Interagency Working Group** established under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (2022) to coordinate all federal reuse efforts

National Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP)

National Water Reuse Action Plan

Improving the Security, Sustainability, and Resilience of Our Nation's Water Resources

Collaborative Implementation (Version 1)



February 2020

NATIONAL WATER REUSE ACTION PLAN Update on Collaborative Progress—Year 2 March 2022

The National Water Reuse Action Plan (WRAP) helps drive progress on reuse by leveraging the expertise of scientists, policymakers, and local experts across the country to create a more resilient water future for communities of all sizes. Now two years into WRAP implementation, there are 16 dedicated partner organizations contributing at various scales. Since February 2020, WRAP collaborators have been working through coordinated actions to address barriers to reuse, including issues related to funding, technology policy, and organizational capacity. Currently, there are 50 WRAP actions, with 18 added since January 2021 on topics such as monitoring practices, plumbing codes and standards, and communication tools. Teams have finished 267 implementation milestones overall and completed 5 total actions to date, which included deliverables related to funding eligibility, tribal outreach and training, and raising global awareness for reuse. Through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted November 2021, lawmakers called for continued WRAP implementation and the creation of a federal reuse interagency working group. "To advance water reuse across the U.S." (Sec. 50216).

WRAP YEAR 2 HIGHLIGHTS

At this stage, WRAP collaborators have delivered many critical outputs that lay the groundwork for more substantial impacts in the coming years. The following is a snapshot of some key activities and accomplishments over the past year.

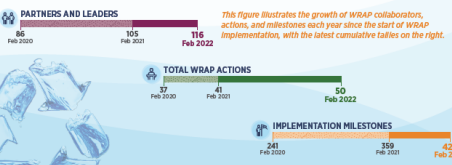
Incorporating Water Reuse into Programs and Policies

- **Expert convening and report on stormwater capture and use.** Investigates opportunities, challenges, and next steps to expand the implementation of stormwater harvesting across the country (Action 3.3, led by EPA, NWSA, WaterReuse, WEF, ReNUWIt, and the Johnson Foundation).
- **Integrating Water Reuse into the Clean Water State Revolving Fund** (CWSRF). Describes the eligibility of water reuse in the CWSRF and highlights successful policies and practices that state CWSRF programs implement to support reuse (Action 3.25, led by EPA).
- **\$2.4 million in Conservation Innovation Grants**, awarded across three proposals in this new priority area, reflecting USDA's broader strategy for water reuse on agricultural land (Action 3.1, led by USDA).
- **Collaboration on NPDES permitting processes.** Enhanced understanding of how permitting can support new water management technologies and strategies, including through development of a training webinar (collaboration between three WRAP action teams: Action 2.6, Action 2.16, and Action 3.3).
- **Compendium of Urban Waters and National Estuary Program water reuse activities.** Highlights the intersection of reuse with these key community-focused programs (Action 1.6, led by EPA).



In February 2022, EPA staff and Assistant Administrator for Water Patricia Fox toured the Scottsdale Water Campus in Arizona. The campus has over two decades of experience in indirect potable reuse, recycling 17 million gallons of treated wastewater annually through aquifer recharge. Photo credit: EPA.

\$1.4 billion invested in 7 reuse infrastructure projects in 2021 through EPA's WRIA loan program.



- Now in its third year, the WRAP advances reuse through a series of Actions by:

- Enabling multistakeholder collaborations
- Creating necessary tools and resources
- Funding critical research and technology development
- Coordinating federal government activities
- Communicating curated information early and often

- Actions summarized on online platform: epa.gov/waterreuse/wraponline

Snapshot of the WRAP



9 Actions completed
New Actions added quarterly

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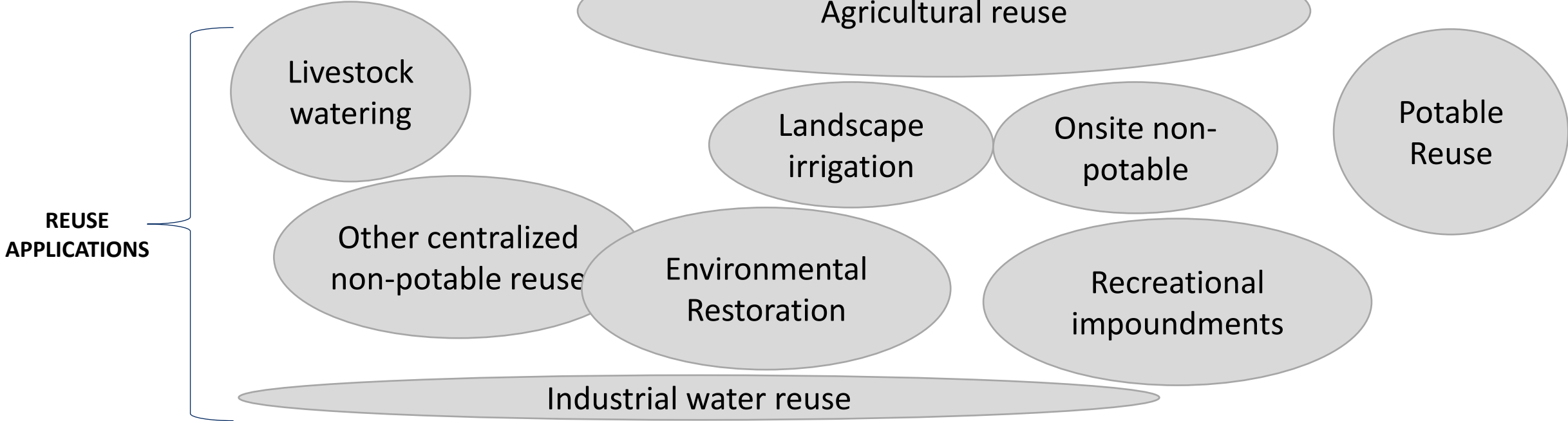
Water Reuse 101: How we conceptualize reuse

A *source of water* is any alternative water source that can help offset the demand for traditional freshwater supplies.

A *reuse application* or *end-use* is the recycling of an alternative source of water that is adequately treated for its intended use.



Fit-for-Purpose Reuse Conceptual Framework



WRAP Action 3.1: Compile Fit-For-Purpose Specifications

- There are no federal level water reuse regulations
- States have primacy to develop reuse regulations to supplement Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act
- **All US state regulations** for water reuse and underlying technical basis compiled at:

Regulations and End-Use
Specifications Explorer

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Action leader

- EPA

Action Partners

- Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA)
- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA)
- Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA)
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
- Water Research Foundation (WRF)
- WaterReuse Association (WaterReuse)
- World Bank

REUSExplorer: Consistent & Precise Descriptions

Sources of water

- 4 sources of water identified in state policies



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<i>Source of water</i>
Treated municipal wastewater
Onsite collected waters
Stormwater
Industry process water

End-uses

- 10 end-uses identified in state policies

<i>Reuse application or end-use</i>
Potable
Onsite non-potable
Other centralized non-potable
Agricultural-related
Landscape-related
Livestock watering
Environmental restoration
Impoundments
Industrial
Rainwater (potable)

REUSExplorer: Snapshot of State Regulation Summaries by Reuse Application*

112

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36 states have developed at least one reuse regulation

*Subject to change as new content is reviewed throughout 2022.

REUSExplorer Tool



Water Reuse

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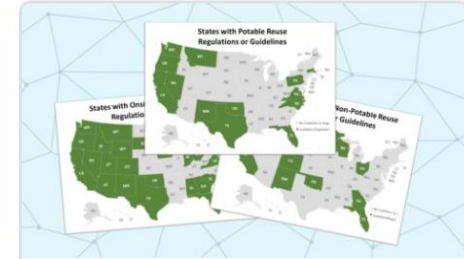
Regulations and End-Use Specifications Explorer (REUSExplorer)



News in Water Reuse




Recent and Upcoming



Distribution of Reuse

State

Sources of Water 

Reuse Application 

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Comprehensive and searchable state reuse regulation summaries

State

Arizona
California
Colorado
Florida
Georgia
Idaho
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Montana
Nevada

Sources of Water

Onsite Collected Waters
Stormwater
Treated Municipal Wastewater
Industry process water — coming soon

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Reuse Application

Agriculture-Related Applications
Landscape-Related Applications
Livestock Watering
Onsite Non-Potable Water Reuse
Other Centralized Non-Potable Reuse
Potable Water Reuse
Environmental restoration — coming soon
Impoundments — coming soon
Industrial water reuse — coming soon

Consistent State Regulation Summaries for all Types of Reuse

Colorado (Onsite Collected Waters for Onsite Non-potable Water Reuse)

On this page:

- [Technical basis](#)
- [Background on NSF/ANSI Standard 350](#)
- [Types of onsite non-potable reuse approved for use in Colorado](#)
- [Water reuse category/type](#)
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- [Onsite non-potable reuse specifications \(table\)](#)
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REUSExplorer Links

- [REUSExplorer home page](#)
- [News in reuse regulations](#)
- [Maps of states with water reuse regulations or guidelines](#)

In Colorado, [onsite non-potable water reuse](#) include irrigation, toilet and urinal flushing, and vehicle washing, among others. The source of water ([onsite collected waters](#)) is specified by the state as graywater and domestic wastewater (i.e., blackwater). The write-up below uses state terms when discussing sources or uses of water that may differ from the Regulations and End-Use Specifications Explorer's

Potable reuse specifications

Summary of California's Potable Reuse Specifications

[Download Table \(.xlsx\)](#)

Consistent specifications tables for all states

Recycled Water Class/Category	Source Water Type	Water Quality Parameter*
		Viruses (enteric)
		<i>Giardia lamblia</i>
		<i>Cryptosporidium</i>

Potable reuse specifications

Summary of Florida's Potable Reuse Specifications

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Recycled Water Class/Category	Source Water Type	Water Quality Parameter	Specification	Sampling/Monitoring Requirements (Frequency of monitoring; site/ location of sample; quantification methods)
		Total organic carbon (TOC)	≤5 mg/L (maximum)	Daily
			≤3 mg/L (monthly average)	
		Total suspended solids (TSS)	≤5 mg/L (any one sample)	Measured prior to application of the disinfectant
		Total organic halogen (TOX)	≤0.3 mg/L (maximum)	Daily
			≤0.2 mg/L (monthly average)	

Downloadable Specifications Tables

Onsite non-potable reuse specifications

Summary of Minnesota's Non-potable Reuse Specifications

1	Recycled Water Class/Category	Source Water Type	Water Quality Parameter
2	Nonpotable rainwater catchment systems (toilet and urinal flushing, water features, vehicle washing facilities, cooling tower makeup)	Rainwater	Turbidity
3	Nonpotable rainwater catchment systems (toilet and urinal flushing, water features, vehicle washing facilities, cooling tower makeup)	Rainwater	E. coli
4	Nonpotable rainwater catchment systems (toilet and urinal flushing, water features, vehicle washing facilities, cooling tower makeup)	Rainwater	Odor
5	Nonpotable rainwater catchment systems (toilet and urinal flushing, water features, vehicle washing facilities, cooling tower makeup)	Rainwater	Temperature

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Other centralized non-potable reuse specifications

Summary of Minnesota's Other Centralized Non-potable Reuse Specifications

1	Recycled Water Class/Category	Source Water Type	Water Quality Parameter	Specification
2	Disinfected Tertiary (toilet flushing, decorative fountains, artificial snowmaking, structural firefighting, commercial air conditioning involving mist)	Municipal wastewater	Total coliform	2.2 MPN/100
2	Disinfected Tertiary (toilet flushing, decorative fountains, artificial snowmaking, structural firefighting, commercial air conditioning involving mist)	Municipal wastewater	Turbidity	2 NTU (daily average maximum) and 10 NTU (daily maximum)

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Sampling/Monitoring Requirements (Frequency of monitoring; site/ location of sample; quantification methods)*

etermined on a case-by-case

Description of the science behind the regulations

Technical basis

Colorado approves the onsite non-potable reuse of graywater for subsurface irrigation, and toilet and urinal flushing and domestic wastewater for industrial and commercial uses, landscape and agricultural irrigation, fire protection and toilet and urinal flushing (5 Code Colo. Regs. § 1002-86). All applicable provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq.), including its implementing regulations, must be met in addition to any state water quality standards. Treated graywater is categorized into four classes that vary by design flow requirement and reuse application. There are no treatment requirements for graywater reused onsite for subsurface irrigation. Onsite non-potable water reuse systems treating graywater for urinal and toilet flushing must comply with NSF/ANSI Standard 350 (CDPHE WQCC, 2019) and use a treatment technology that will be “protective of public health” without the need for on-going water quality testing. The Water Quality Control Commission found that the NSF/ANSI standard meets an acceptable technology review protocol that would be certified by a third-party agency to simplify the technology review process for the local jurisdictions (see more information below).

Colorado also approves onsite non-potable reuse of reclaimed domestic wastewater (i.e., onsite treated blackwater) for industrial and commercial uses, landscape and agricultural irrigation, fire protection and toilet and urinal flushing (5 Code Colo. Regs. § 1002-84). The technical basis of pathogen removals is a health-based target of less than 1 infection per 10,000 people per year for Category 3 uses and 1 infection per 100 people per year for Category 2 and Category 1 uses. Category 1 and 2 health-based targets are less stringent than

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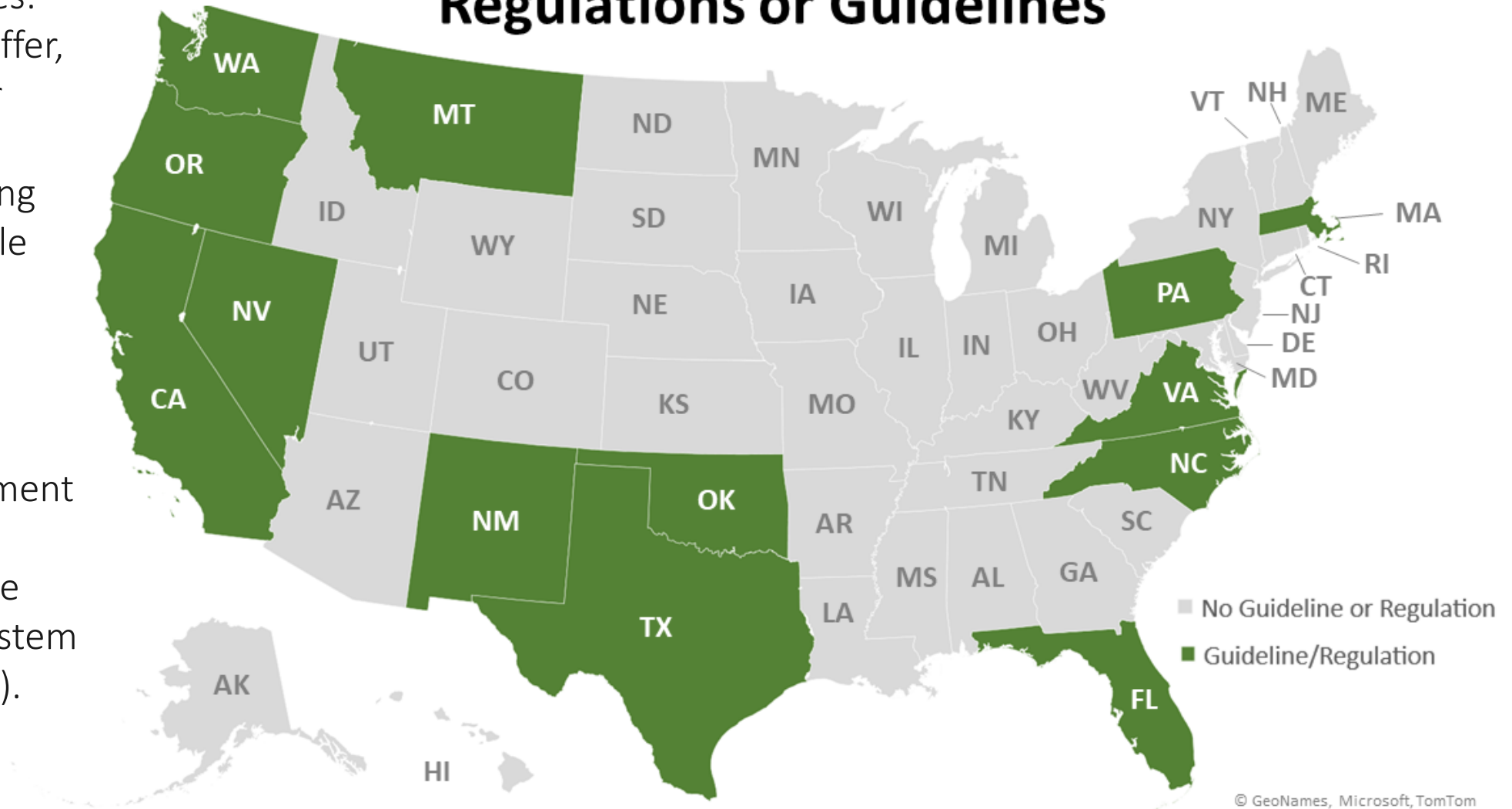


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The use of highly treated recycled water for drinking water purposes. Includes:

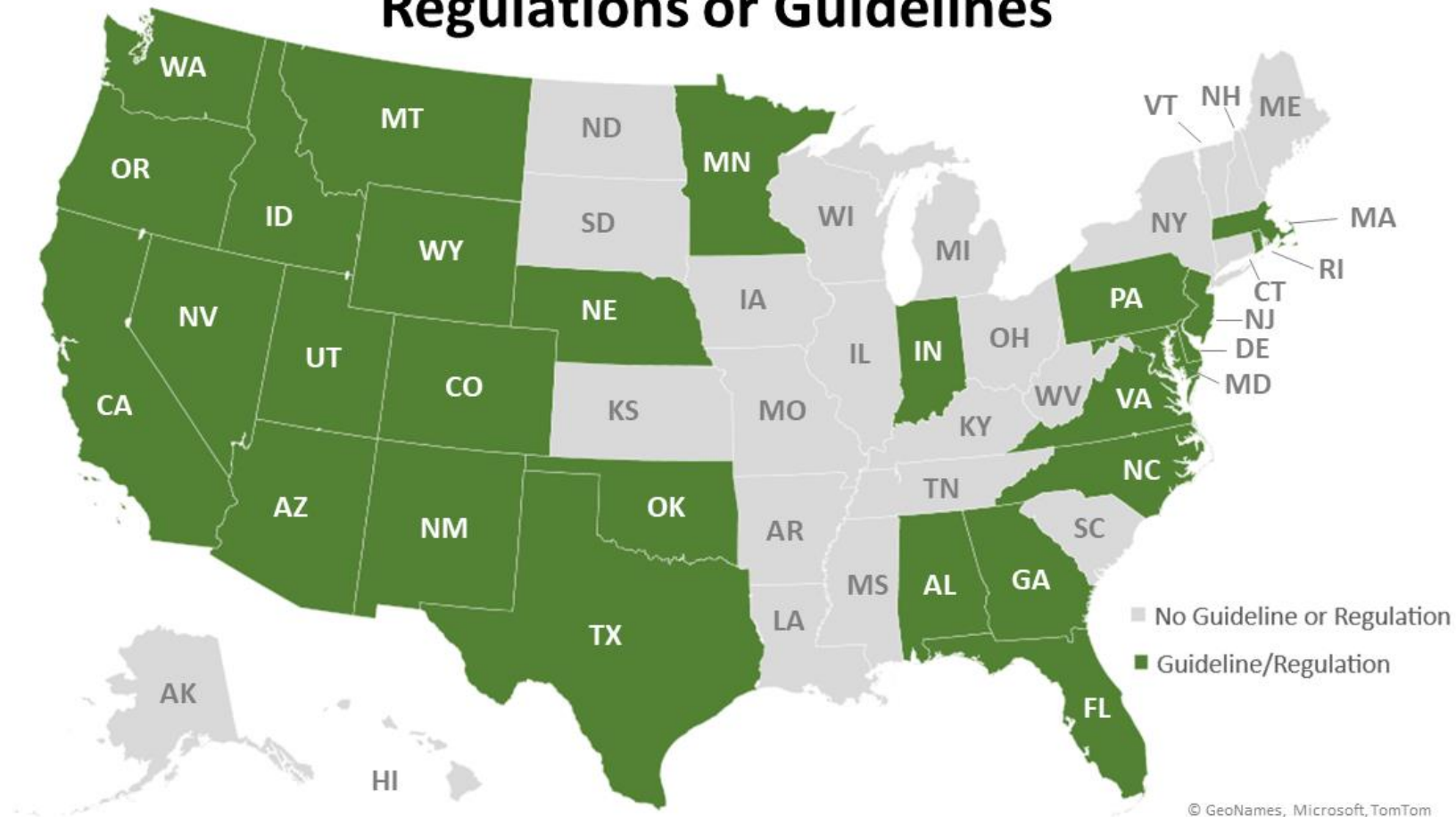
- an environmental buffer, such as groundwater aquifer or
- surface reservoir being withdrawn for potable purposes (**indirect potable reuse**), and
- the introduction of recycled water into a drinking water treatment facility or
- directly into a potable water distribution system (**direct potable reuse**).

13 states - Potable Reuse Regulations or Guidelines



28 states - Agricultural Reuse

Regulations or Guidelines



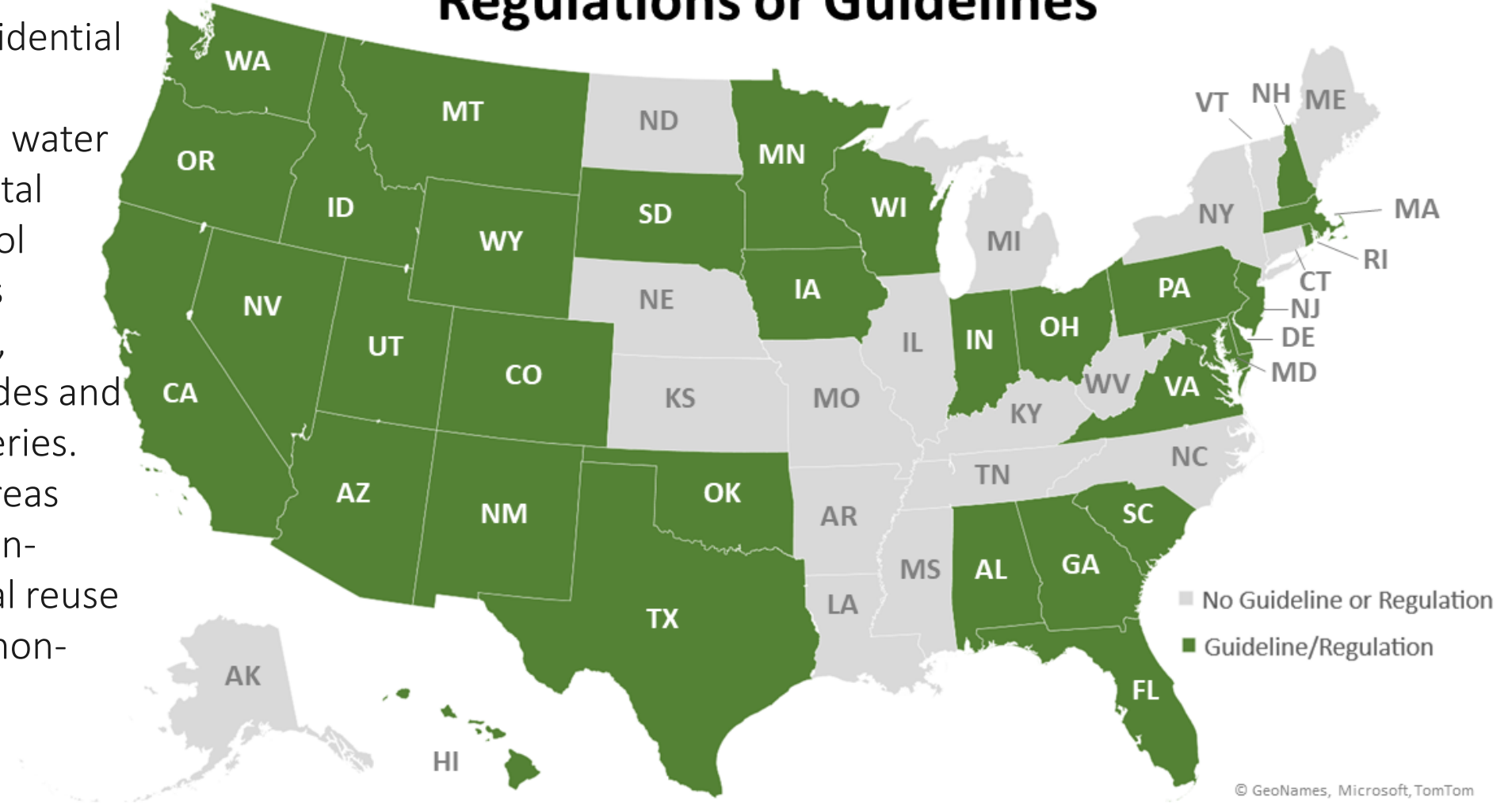
- The use of recycled water to land to assist in the production of
- both **commercially** and **non-commercially** processed
 - **food crops** consumed by humans or livestock and
 - **non-food** crops. Includes pasture for milking and non-milking animals, fodder, fiber, and seed crops, vineyards, orchards, ornamental nursery stock, Christmas trees, and silviculture.
 - Excludes livestock watering, onsite non-potable reuse, and landscape irrigation.

The use of recycled water on land to assist in the

- irrigation of **vegetation** in residential and non-residential areas. Includes
- **impoundments** to store water for irrigation , ornamental vegetation, parks, school yards, sporting facilities (including golf courses), private gardens, roadsides and greenbelts, and cemeteries.
- Excludes irrigation of areas used for agriculture, non-potable and commercial reuse applications, or onsite non-potable reuse.

32 states - Landscape Reuse

Regulations or Guidelines

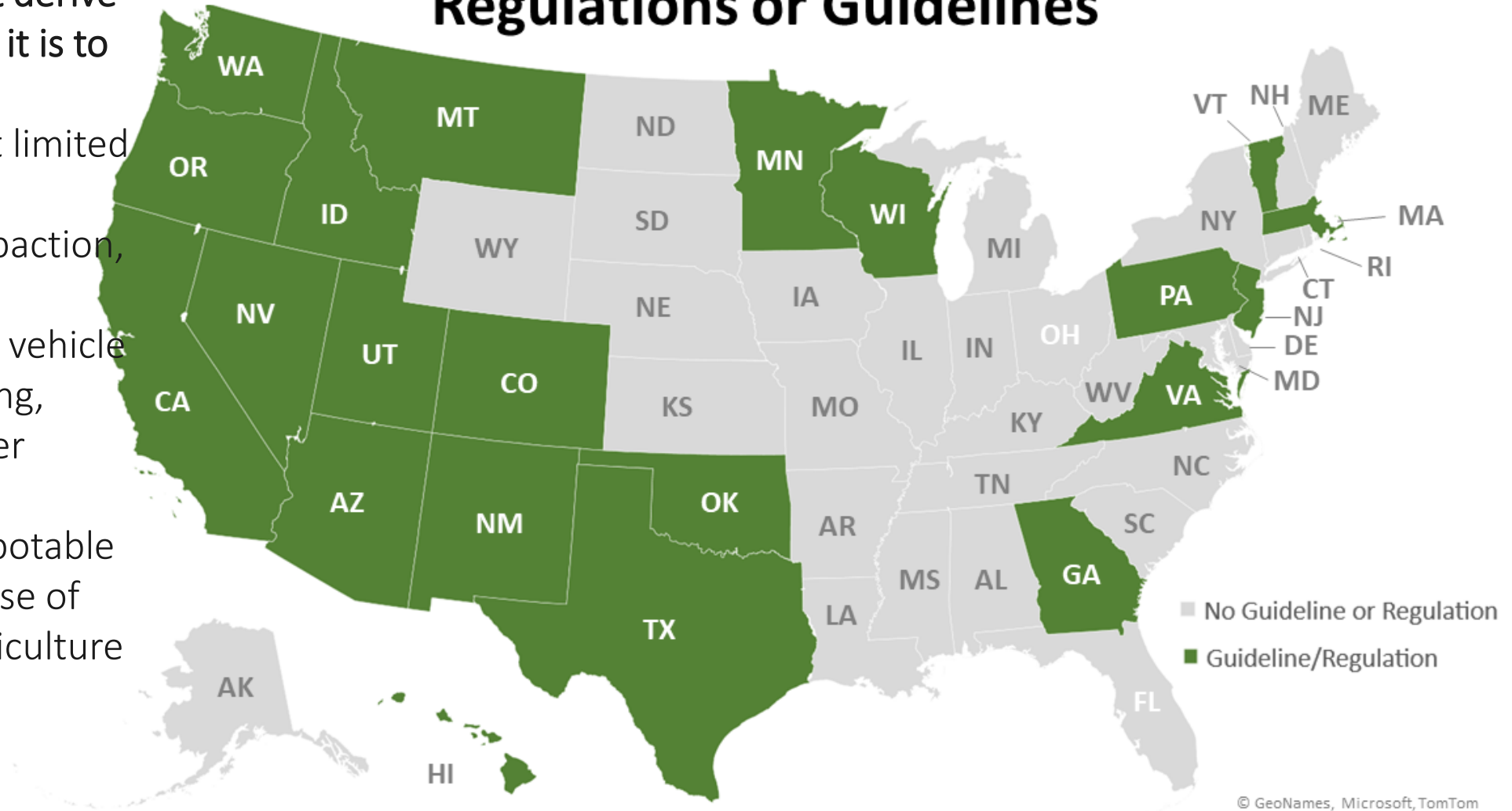


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The use of recycled water for non-potable reuse applications where the water does not derive from the same site where it is to be reused.

- Can include, but is not limited to, toilet flushing,
- dust control, soil compaction, fire protection,
- commercial laundries, vehicle washing, street cleaning, snowmaking, and other similar uses.
- Excludes on-site non-potable applications and the use of recycled water for agriculture or landscape-related applications.

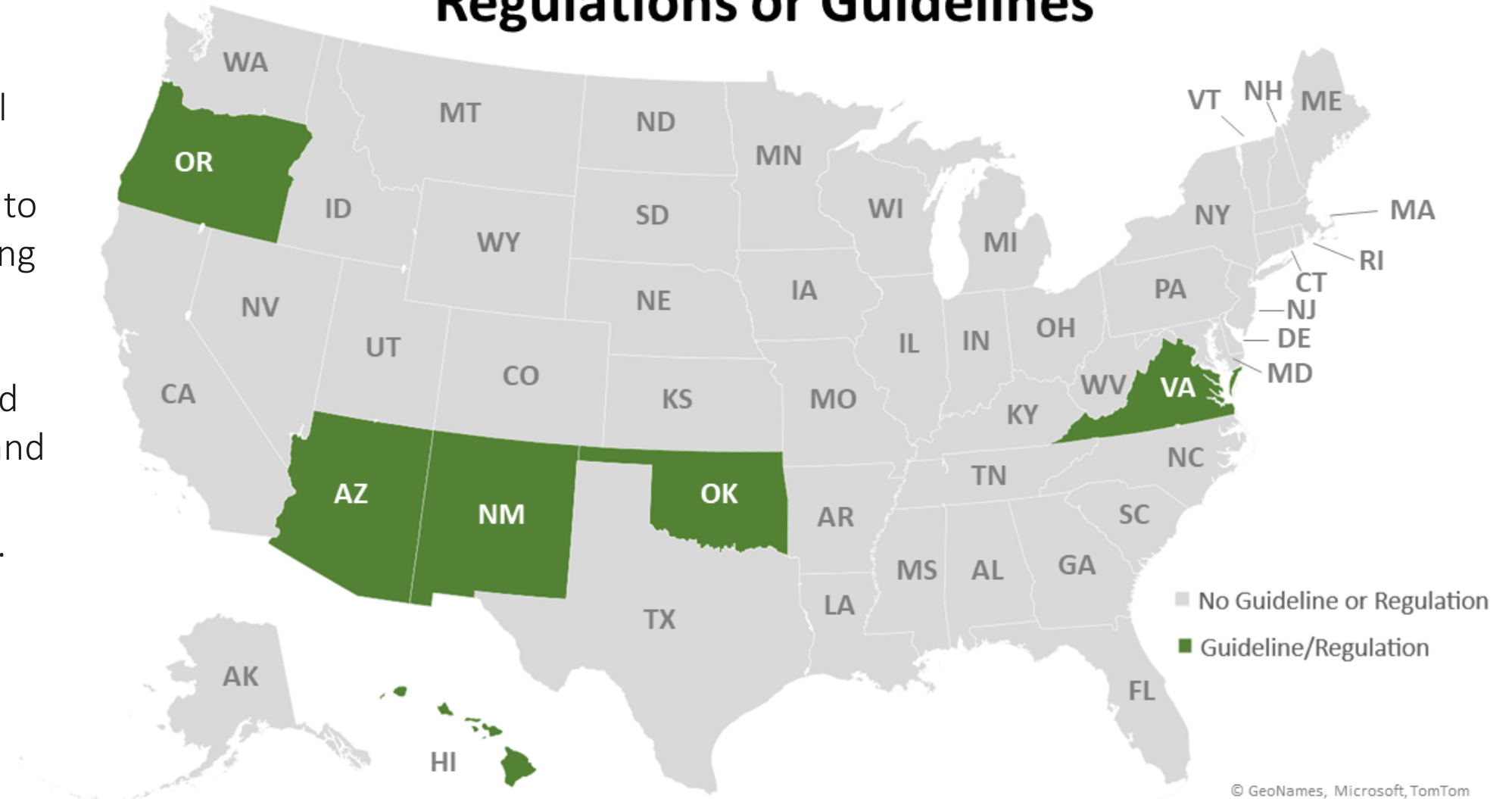
21 states - Other Centralized Non-potable Regulations or Guidelines



The use of recycled water for drinking water supplies for livestock.

- Excludes physical application of reclaimed water to pasture for milking and non-milking animals,
- forage crops used as animal feed, and land used for livestock grazing.

6 states – Livestock Watering Regulations or Guidelines



Last 4 Reuse Applications Summaries online by end of 2022

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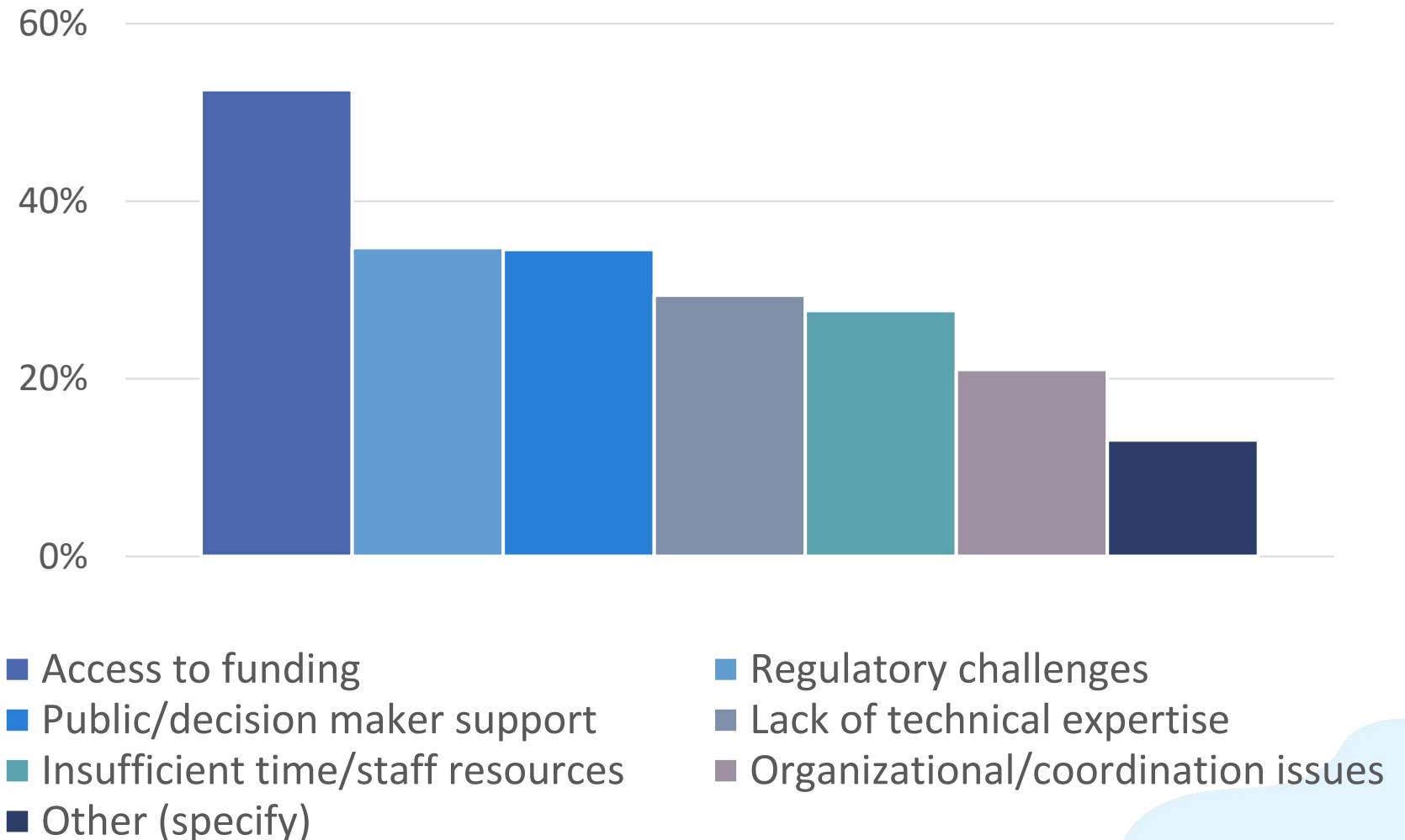


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Engagement with Tribal and Small Communities (Completed WRAP Activities - 2021)

Listening sessions with tribal and small communities

- WRAP Action 2.15:
Conduct Outreach and
Training with **Tribes** to
Build Water Reuse
Capacity
- WRAP Action 8.5:
Engagement with
**Disadvantaged and
Rural** Communities on
Water Reuse



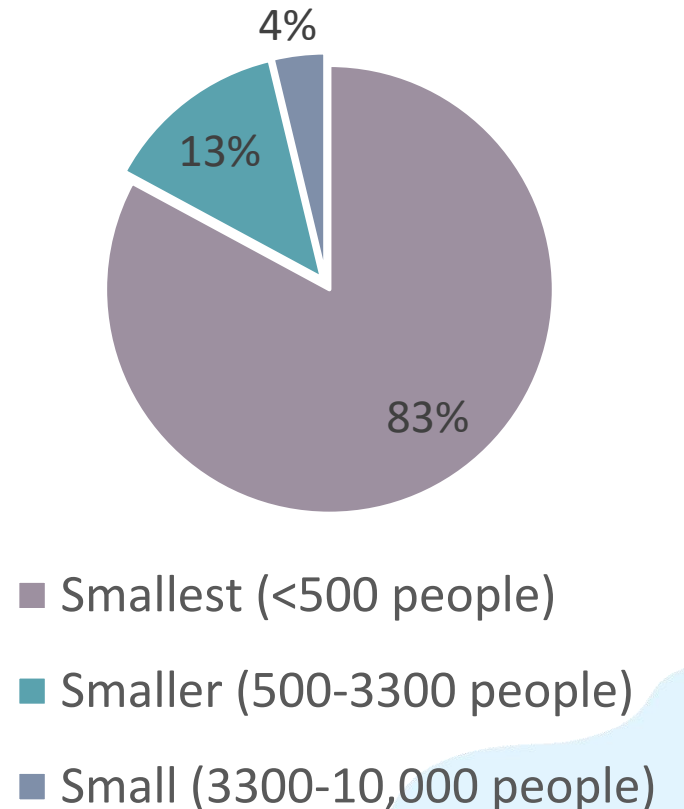
Need for Water Reuse Support in Small Communities

- Water reuse is a key climate change adaptation tool but is inaccessible for small communities
- Pollution, lower civic capacity, and technical and managerial challenges
- Rebuilding the same water and wastewater infrastructure will not provide resilience
- Need support to “get started with reuse”, identify funding, navigate regulations, and build multi-stakeholder consensus

Small Water Systems – state of service access (EPA data)

- “Small water systems” serve 10,000 or fewer
- Think 500 or fewer for “small” systems
 - More than 97% of US nation’s 145,000 public water systems are “small”
- Served by centralized water/ wastewater systems – opportunities for reuse with support
- Many struggle with
 - Aging or inadequate wastewater treatment systems,
 - Do not have access to basic wastewater services.
 - Regulatory compliance

Small Water Systems by Community Size



TAILORING water reuse technical assistance for SMALL communities

Community and water system scale

Fit-for-community reuse solutions



Urban with large centralized systems serving >10,000 people

Potable and non-potable



Small communities with systems serving <10,000

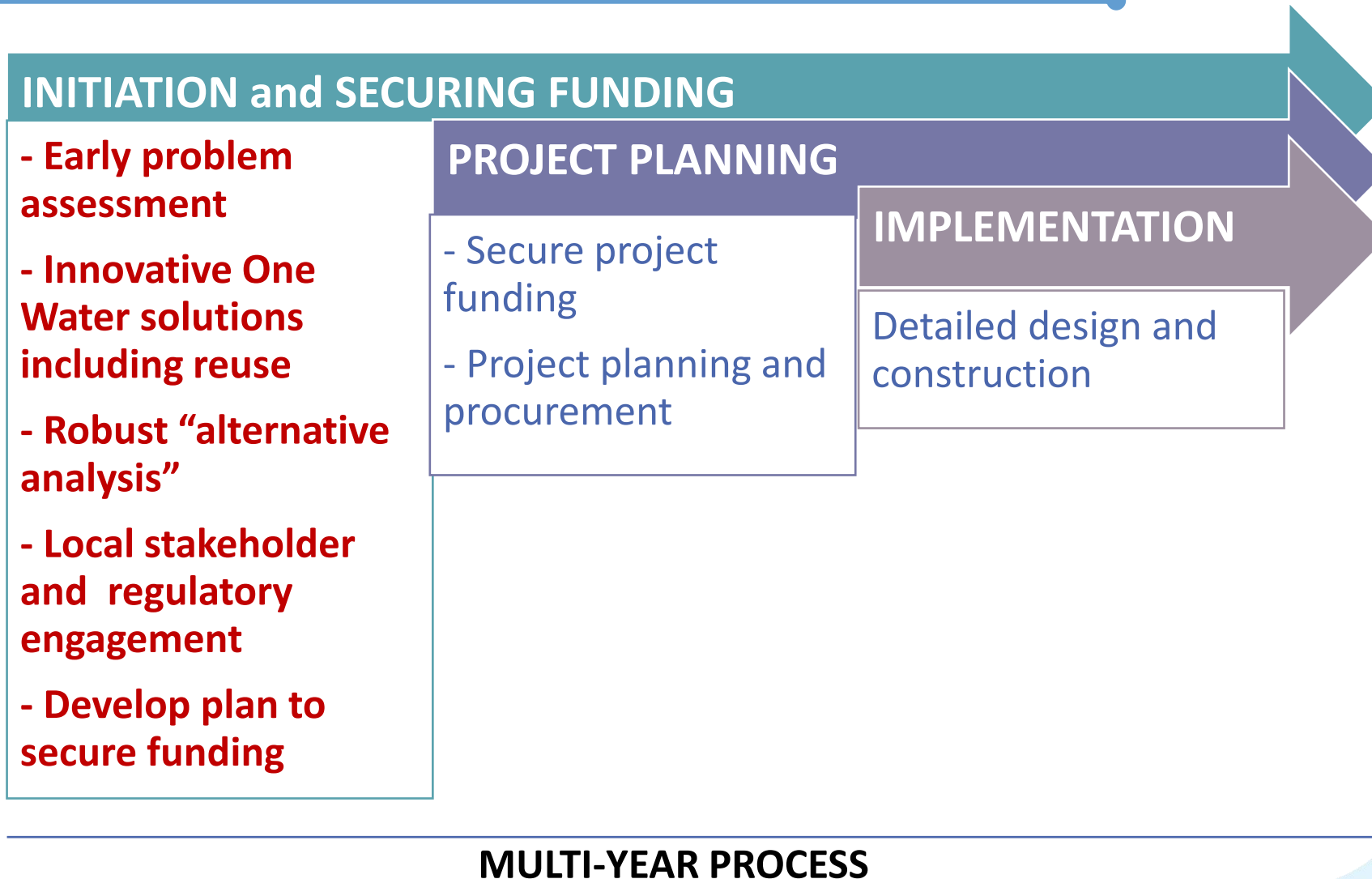
Non-potable. Maybe potable.



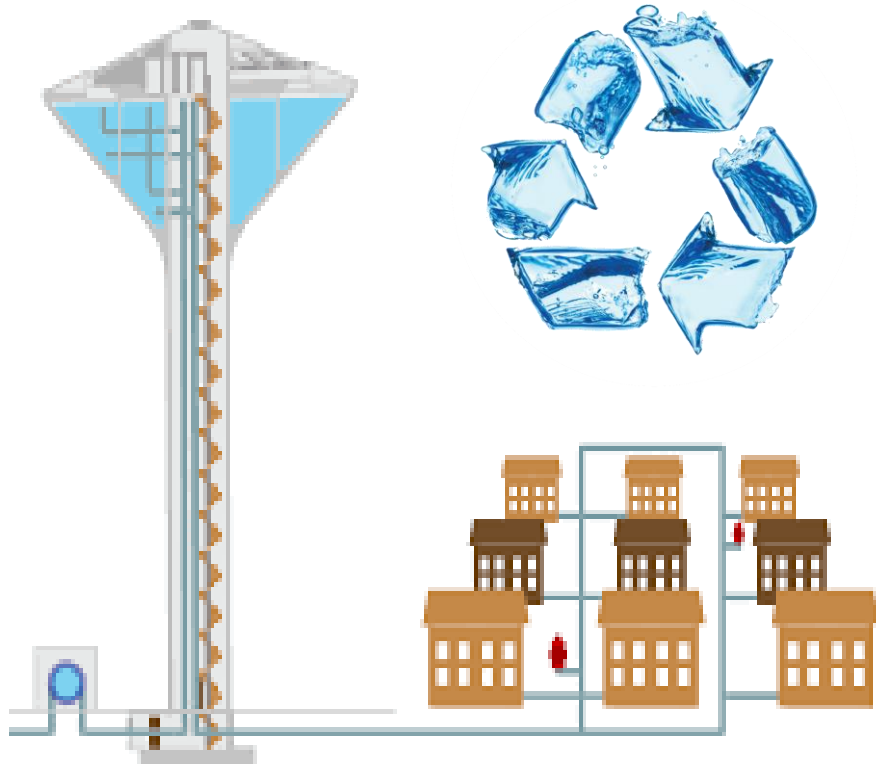
Rural communities with wells, septics or no access

Reuse may be possible in future; tech not mature and costly

Largest need is in the INITIATION project phase



Technical assistance strategy – WRAP Action 8.5



1. Train-the-trainer opportunities

- National Rural Water Association – state chapters
- RCACs, RCAPs
- Environmental Finance Centers

2. Pilot direct technical assistance – matchmaking

- Focus on a few small communities
- Hyperlocal engagement
- Matchmake with volunteer TA providers
- Tailor output to connect to funding

3. Engage at EPA HQ with IJA implementation to align approaches

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Idaho: Agricultural Reuse

- **Rupert, ID**
 - Town of about 6000 people in South-Central Idaho
 - Recycling municipal wastewater
- **Recycling solution**
 - Provide nutrient rich treated wastewater for agricultural irrigation and treated biosolids for fertilizer
 - Recycling 350 million gal/year



Minnesota: Landscape Irrigation

- **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux, MN**
 - Treatment Plant upgraded 2005, includes advanced treatment and large “green roof”
 - Source: Wastewater & Stormwater
- **Water Reuse Solution**
 - Irrigates landscapes, wetlands, golf course
 - Enhanced habitat for wildlife
 - Green roof reduces stormwater runoff
 - Considering aquifer recharge



Tribal lands: Onsite Reuse for Gardens, Toilets & Firefighting

- **Santa Ynez Chumash Tribe, CA**
 - Needs water for new casino; supply limited
- **Water Reuse Solution:**
 - Treat wastewater for toilet flushing, cooling tower, and landscape irrigation.
 - Membrane-based facility treats 67,000 gpd
 - Also used for fighting wildfires



Washington: Environmental restoration & Potable Reuse

- **Lacey, WA**
 - New wastewater plant needed
- **Water Reuse Solution**
 - New treatment facility polishes water quality through 5 wetland ponds
 - Water from ponds infiltrated to recharge drinking water aquifer



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How to Build Capacity to Recycle

- Consider all water infrastructure needs (One Water)
- Build community and decision-maker support
- Determine engineering and financial feasibility (planning)
- Plan with the regulators
- Identify durable funding plan to cover construction and O&M costs
- Obtain needed operator training



What Help is Needed?

- Project assessment and planning
 - Sources and end-uses
 - Location
- Technical training
- Financial planning and support
- Regulatory assistance
 - See REUSExplorer tool
- Communications and public outreach
- Funding



Resources on the EPA Water Reuse Information Library

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- Outputs from WRAP actions and other reuse resources
- Publications, fact sheets, webinar recordings, and webpages
 - **Multiple webinars and trainings for getting started**
- Interactive, searchable information library
- Number of resources will grow over time

<https://www.epa.gov/waterreuse/water-reuse-information-library>

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Name	Description	Focus Area	Water Reuse Applications	Date Of Publication Release
Onsite Water Reuse in San Francisco Webinar Series	The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) hosted a series of recorded water reuse webinars that provided key updates and technical guidance on implementing onsite non-potable water reuse systems in San Francisco, California.	Science and Specifications	Onsite non-potable	11/1/20
Small and Rural Reuse Projects List	The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) compiled list of reuse projects funded by its water and waste program. Fifty-four projects were identified through the effort.	Finance Support	Landscape irrigation, Industrial	9/30/20
Stormwater Capture Drivers, Impediments, and Future Visions Webinar	This webinar explored stormwater capture drivers, barriers, and future directions.	Science and Specifications	Various applications	2/3/21

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Funding for Infrastructure (incl. reuse) and technical assistance

- Many funding sources available
- Grants v/s loans
- Some local funding needed
 - match grants
 - repay loans
 - operations and maintenance
- Federal sources
 - EPA, including new **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**
 - USDA-RD
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - FEMA

Technical assistance

- Existing circuit rider/technical assistance programs
- National Rural Water Association
- USDA-Rural Development
- Rural Community Assistance Partnership
- Environmental Finance Centers

What is the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)?

- \$50 billion appropriation to EPA for water – **single largest federal investment in water infrastructure ever**
- **Large amount of funding will be grants/forgivable loans** for “disadvantaged communities” – which can help communities better afford necessary infrastructure upgrades
- **Five-year** appropriation timeline
- EPA implementation goals include:
 - Targeting resources to **disadvantaged and underserved** communities
 - Making rapid progress on lead service line replacement and lead-free water for all
 - Tackling forever chemicals
 - **Supporting resilience (including climate resilience) & One Water Innovation**
 - Creating good jobs

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law SRF Funding

BIL SRF Funding Program	New BIL SRF Funding Over Next 5 Years	Purpose
Clean Water SRF General	\$11,713,000,000 (49% available as grants or forgivable loans for disadvantaged communities)	Wastewater and stormwater projects
Drinking Water SRF General	\$11,713,000,000 (49% available as grants or forgivable loans for disadvantaged communities)	Drinking water projects
Clean Water Emerging Contaminants	\$1,000,000,000 (100% grants or forgivable loans)	PFAS and other “emerging” contaminants
Drinking Water Emerging Contaminants	\$4,000,000,000 (100% grant or forgivable loans, at least 25% for disadvantaged communities or systems serving <25,000 in population)	PFAS and other “emerging” contaminants
Lead Service Lines	\$15,000,000,000 (49% available as grants or forgivable loans for disadvantaged communities)	Lead service line identification and replacement

State Revolving Funds: Overview

Why is it important to talk about the State Revolving Funds (SRFs)?

- Congress allocated \$43 billion of BIL water funds to SRF program
- SRFs are an important pathway for communities to access BIL funding

What are the SRFs?

- Mission: federal-state partnership to reduce costs of essential public health and environmental infrastructure
- Every state has a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
- CWSRF: provides funding and financing for wastewater and storm water infrastructure
- DWSRF: provides funding and financing to public water systems for drinking water infrastructure

ELIGIBILITY OF WATER REUSE IN THE SRF PROGRAMS

CWSRF Program

- **All** types of water reuse projects are eligible for funding
- Includes both publicly- and privately-owned facilities
- Water reuse is also eligible for additional subsidization as it can address water efficiency goals
- **State-specific restrictions may still apply**

DWSRF Program

- **All** types of water reuse projects are eligible for funding **if** it replaces an existing potable source with a non-potable source or mitigates the need for additional potable supply
- Only Public Water Systems (PWS) are eligible
- This includes both publicly- and privately-owned water systems
- **State-specific restrictions may still apply**

State Revolving Funds: Overview

What are other key features of the SRF program?

- State Intended Use Plan (IUP)
 - Every state develops an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP)
 - The IUP lays out the state's SRF plan for the year (including scoring, priorities, updates to disadvantaged community definitions, etc)
 - States are required to provide IUP public comment opportunities
- State Definitions: "Disadvantaged Community" and "Affordability Criteria"
 - Each state sets their own definition of "disadvantaged community" (Drinking Water SRF) and "affordability criteria" (Clean Water SRF)
 - These definitions are important because they will determine eligibility for grant/forgivable loan funding
 - In March 2022 and June 2022, EPA released guidance on how to strengthen these definitions



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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

FROM: Radhika Fox
Assistant Administrator

TO: EPA Regional Water Division Directors
State SRF Program Managers

Overview

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EPA is committed to a productive partnership with states, tribes, and territories to maximize the impact of these funds in addressing urgent water challenges facing communities. The majority of water infrastructure dollars will flow through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

- Encourage **One Water** innovation
- Target resources to disadvantaged communities.



Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

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FACT SHEET

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: State Revolving Funds Implementation Memorandum March 2022

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EPA's implementation memorandum provides information and guidelines on how EPA will administer the SRF capitalization grants appropriated to states under the law. The implementation memorandum is expected to be applicable to all five years of BIL appropriations.

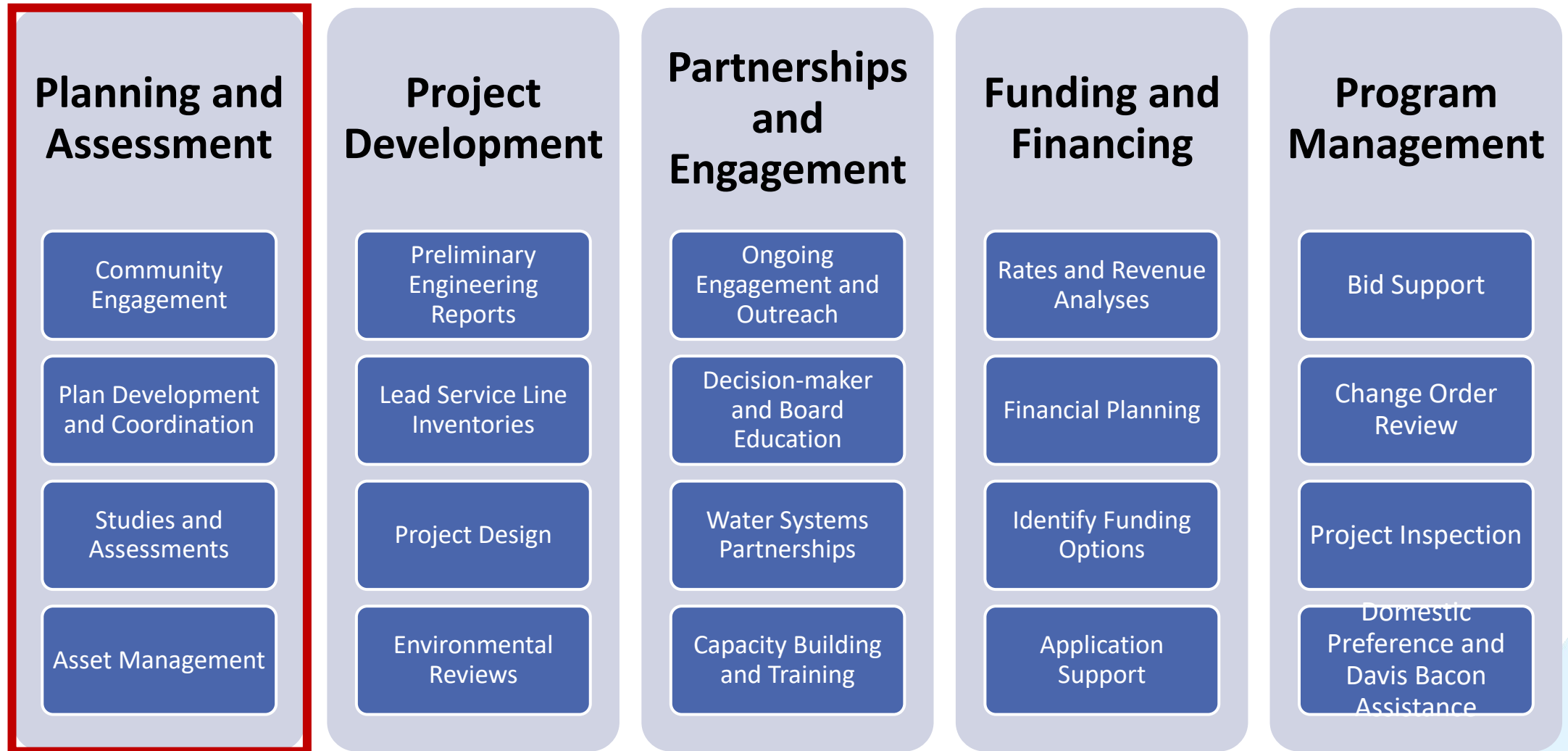
Provide Flexibility to Meet Local Water Needs

A fundamental principle of the SRFs is the flexibility provided to states and borrowers to address a wide variety

Where are we now with BIL SRF implementation?

- BIL signed into law: *November 2021*
- EPA BIL SRF implementation memorandum released: *March 2022*
- EPA releases \$100 million TA provider funding opportunity through the Environmental Finance Center program: *(closed July 1)*
- States submit their first request for SRF BIL funding: *Spring-Fall 2022*
- EPA begins rolling out new BIL SRF-focused TA to support communities to access SRF funding: *beginning late Summer 2022*

EPA Plan to Address Community Needs through Technical Assistance (with states)



Available Resources on EPA website

- Find your state's SRF contact information and participate in your state's SRF IUP process.
- Learn about how much BIL water funding your state will receive.
- Learn more about how the SRF program works.
- Sign up for more information about future EPA TA announcements.

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STATE	CONTACT(s)	PHONE NUMBER(s)	EMAIL	WEBSITE
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SRF 101

The SRF 101 learning module is for potential State Revolving Fund (SRF) borrowers interested in learning about the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF Loan programs.

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Key takeaways – reuse for small communities



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- Water reuse appropriate for small communities may be potable or non-potable
- Feasibility of reuse depends in part on sources of water and reuse applications and location
- REUSExplorer is a comprehensive searchable compilation of 100+ state reuse regulations
- Supports permit writers and regulators to streamline new reuse projects
- EPA Water Reuse has MANY resources for reuse

- State Revolving Fund programs are looking to fund **innovative One Water projects including water reuse**
- **Underserved communities** prioritized for BIL funding
- **Planning stage is critical - Utilities should start talking to their state SRF programs now**
- Technical assistance ramping up to help communities access BIL SRF funding; sign up for updates



Thank you!

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BIL Technical Assistance Information

epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance

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