

alter the requirements of section 300g-4 or 300g-5 of this title.

(f) Small public water systems technology assistance centers

(1) Grant program

The Administrator is authorized to make grants to institutions of higher learning to establish and operate small public water system technology assistance centers in the United States.

(2) Responsibilities of the centers

The responsibilities of the small public water system technology assistance centers established under this subsection shall include the conduct of training and technical assistance relating to the information, performance, and technical needs of small public water systems or public water systems that serve Indian Tribes.

(3) Applications

Any institution of higher learning interested in receiving a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Administrator an application in such form and containing such information as the Administrator may require by regulation.

(4) Selection criteria

The Administrator shall select recipients of grants under this subsection on the basis of the following criteria:

(A) The small public water system technology assistance center shall be located in a State that is representative of the needs of the region in which the State is located for addressing the drinking water needs of small and rural communities or Indian Tribes.

(B) The grant recipient shall be located in a region that has experienced problems, or may reasonably be foreseen to experience problems, with small and rural public water systems.

(C) The grant recipient shall have access to expertise in small public water system technology management.

(D) The grant recipient shall have the capability to disseminate the results of small public water system technology and training programs.

(E) The projects that the grant recipient proposes to carry out under the grant are necessary and appropriate.

(F) The grant recipient has regional support beyond the host institution.

(5) Consortia of States

At least 2 of the grants under this subsection shall be made to consortia of States with low population densities.

(6) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to make grants under this subsection \$2,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 1999, and \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2000 through 2003.

(g) Environmental finance centers

(1) In general

The Administrator shall provide initial funding for one or more university-based envi-

ronmental finance centers for activities that provide technical assistance to State and local officials in developing the capacity of public water systems. Any such funds shall be used only for activities that are directly related to this subchapter.

(2) National capacity development clearinghouse

The Administrator shall establish a national public water system capacity development clearinghouse to receive and disseminate information with respect to developing, improving, and maintaining financial and managerial capacity at public water systems. The Administrator shall ensure that the clearinghouse does not duplicate other federally supported clearinghouse activities.

(3) Capacity development techniques

The Administrator may request an environmental finance center funded under paragraph (1) to develop and test managerial, financial, and institutional techniques for capacity development. The techniques may include capacity assessment methodologies, manual and computer based public water system rate models and capital planning models, public water system consolidation procedures, and regionalization models.

(4) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$1,500,000 for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 2003.

(5) Limitation

No portion of any funds made available under this subsection may be used for lobbying expenses.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XIV, §1420, as added Pub. L. 104-182, title I, §119, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1647; amended Pub. L. 115-270, title II, §2012, Oct. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 3849.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (c)(2)(F). Pub. L. 115-270, §2012(1), added subpar. (F).

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 115-270, §2012(2), inserted “, including efforts of the State to encourage development by public water systems of asset management plans and to assist public water systems in training relevant and appropriate persons in implementing such asset management plans” before period at end.

Subsec. (d)(5). Pub. L. 115-270, §2012(3), added par. (5).

§ 300g-10. Cybersecurity support for public water systems

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Appropriate Congressional committees

The term “appropriate Congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(2) Director

The term “Director” means the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

(3) Incident

The term “incident” has the meaning given the term in section 3552 of title 44.

(4) Prioritization Framework

The term “Prioritization Framework” means the prioritization framework developed by the Administrator under subsection (b)(1)(A).

(5) Support Plan

The term “Support Plan” means the Technical Cybersecurity Support Plan developed by the Administrator under subsection (b)(2)(A).

(b) Identification of and support for public water systems**(1) Prioritization Framework****(A) In general**

Not later than 180 days after November 15, 2021, the Administrator, in coordination with the Director, shall develop a prioritization framework to identify public water systems (including sources of water for those public water systems) that, if degraded or rendered inoperable due to an incident, would lead to significant impacts on the health and safety of the public.

(B) Considerations

In developing the Prioritization Framework, to the extent practicable, the Administrator shall incorporate consideration of—

- (i) whether cybersecurity vulnerabilities for a public water system have been identified under section 300i-2 of this title;
- (ii) the capacity of a public water system to remediate a cybersecurity vulnerability without additional Federal support;
- (iii) whether a public water system serves a defense installation or critical national security asset; and
- (iv) whether a public water system, if degraded or rendered inoperable due to an incident, would cause a cascading failure of other critical infrastructure.

(2) Technical Cybersecurity Support Plan**(A) In general**

Not later than 270 days after November 15, 2021, the Administrator, in coordination with the Director and using existing authorities of the Administrator and the Director for providing voluntary support to public water systems and the Prioritization Framework, shall develop a Technical Cybersecurity Support Plan for public water systems.

(B) Requirements

The Support Plan—

- (i) shall establish a methodology for identifying specific public water systems for which cybersecurity support should be prioritized;
- (ii) shall establish timelines for making voluntary technical support for

cybersecurity available to specific public water systems;

(iii) may include public water systems identified by the Administrator, in coordination with the Director, as needing technical support for cybersecurity;

(iv) shall include specific capabilities of the Administrator and the Director that may be utilized to provide support to public water systems under the Support Plan, including—

- (I) site vulnerability and risk assessments;
- (II) penetration tests; and
- (III) any additional support determined to be appropriate by the Administrator; and

(v) shall only include plans for providing voluntary support to public water systems.

(3) Consultation required

In developing the Prioritization Framework pursuant to paragraph (1) and the Support Plan pursuant to paragraph (2), the Administrator shall consult with such Federal or non-Federal entities as determined to be appropriate by the Administrator.

(4) Reports required**(A) Prioritization Framework**

Not later than 190 days after November 15, 2021, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate Congressional committees a report describing the Prioritization Framework.

(B) Technical Cybersecurity Support Plan

Not later than 280 days after November 15, 2021, the Administrator shall submit to the appropriate Congressional committees—

- (i) the Support Plan; and
- (ii) a list describing any public water systems identified by the Administrator, in coordination with the Director, as needing technical support for cybersecurity during the development of the Support Plan.

(c) Rules of construction

Nothing in this section—

- (1) alters the existing authorities of the Administrator; or
- (2) compels a public water system to accept technical support offered by the Administrator.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XIV, §1420A, as added Pub. L. 117–58, div. E, title I, §50113, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1155.)

PART C—PROTECTION OF UNDERGROUND SOURCES OF DRINKING WATER

§ 300h. Regulations for State programs**(a) Publication of proposed regulations; promulgation; amendments; public hearings; administrative consultations**

(1) The Administrator shall publish proposed regulations for State underground injection control programs within 180 days after December 16, 1974. Within 180 days after publication of such proposed regulations, he shall promulgate such