



New York State  
ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION

David Sterman, *President*

September 18, 2007

Re: Wastewater Needs Assessment

Dear Municipal Official:

As New York State's Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) Coordinator, I am seeking your assistance in providing documentation of Point Source (PS) and Non-Point Source (NPS) projects for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 2008 Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS). Your assistance is critical in documenting New York State Needs for Federal funding of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program.

The CWNS is required per Section 516 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and is conducted every four years by the States and USEPA. The purpose of the CWNS is to assess PS and NPS water pollution abatement or protection projects. The United States Congress may in the future use the CWNS data to determine the Federal Allocation of funds to States, hence the importance of the information you provide.

Where documentation for needs and costs do not meet the USEPA criteria for eligibility (see attachment 1), the USEPA will report the documented needs as separate state estimates (SSEs) in the Report to Congress. We want to identify as many water quality needs as possible, so if you have a project, or potential project, please call to discuss. If you have a project listed on the 2008 CWSRF Intended Use Plan, you do not have to submit documentation for that project.

Enclosed for your review is the *2008 CWNS FACT SHEET* that provides CWNS background information, eligible participants and projects, schedule, and contact information. Additional reference materials are available at [www.nysefc.org](http://www.nysefc.org) to assist you identifying your capital needs and costs. EFC will also be sending you in the near future a CD containing useful information related to the CWNS. If possible please send all needs and cost documentation to: 625 Broadway – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, New York 12207-2997 no later than *February 1, 2008 to be included in a report to the NYS Governor*. Communities may continue to submit information for the USEPA 2008 CWNS through June 30, 2008.

Thank you again for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please contact me at (518) 623-1200 or at [denno@nysefc.org](mailto:denno@nysefc.org).

Sincerely,

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