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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Assessing Financial Capability for Municipal Clean Water Act Requirements

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We are working closely with local governments to clarify how the financial capability of a community will be considered when developing schedules for municipal projects necessary to meet Clean Water Act obligations. Our on-going conversations have been very encouraging and have helped identify several implementation issues, as well as more robust ways to present additional community-specific information within a financial capability analysis when considering a community's ability to achieve the shared goal of clean water. These issues are discussed in the attached financial capability framework document. We plan to develop an approach that addresses these issues in a way that achieves our shared goal of clean water. We expect to share a draft of the approach with you soon.

As we move forward, OW and OECA will continue to reach out to the Regions for your input and recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact one of us or have your staff contact Deborah Nagle, Director, Water Permits Division (nagle.deborah@epa.gov) or Mark Pollins, Director, Water Enforcement Division (pollins.mark@epa.gov).

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Attachment