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Water & Sanitation



“Operational, efficient, and resilient water systems are necessary to protect our communities and fulfill our agency’s trust responsibilities,”

Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

Objectives: Use Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and IA Water and Sanitation Annual Appropriations funding to:

- Address vital repairs and upgrades for Indian Affairs-owned water systems
- Address U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notice of violations, contamination issues, critical risks of system failure
- Ensure safe water systems that serve tribal communities in Indian Affairs workplaces, schools, detention centers, and more

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Projects

In FY22, \$10.65M used for three (3) projects for:

- Infrastructure upgrades necessary to connect an Indian Affairs-owned water system with the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project water system funded by the Indian Health Service and EPA (\$8.72 million)
- Design, construction, and connection of a new well house to the distribution system for the Nez Perce Northern Idaho Water System which will address the US EPA 2018 emergency order (\$1.05 million)
- Infrastructure upgrades to the Columbia River In-lieu Treaty Fishing Sites to address water sanitation and contribute to the progress being made on projects authorized under the Columbia River In-Lieu and Treaty Fishing Access Sites Improvement Act. (\$880,000).

IA Annual Appropriations Projects



IA owned Public Water Systems:

- Assess all 79 Indian Affairs-owned public water systems
- Identify future water sanitation projects at IA owned facilities
- Identify and remove any sources of lead in drinking water at IA facilities and water systems
- Complete a Lead Service Line inventory and perform preliminary sampling for PFAS to assist our water systems with future compliance needs



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