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# Department of Environmental Quality



To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

**Program: Nonpoint Source Management Program, CWA Section 319 & 604(b)/205(j) Grant Program**

**Total ARRA Dollars: 1% of CWSRF**

**Wyoming State Grant Share: \$194,300**

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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) is responsible for the management of the Clean Water Act's (CWA) Section 319 and Section 604(b)/205(j) grant disbursement programs through oversight by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Wyoming Governor's appointed Nonpoint Source Task Force. Through a combination of these programs, Wyoming receives approximately 1.2 million dollars annually to address non-point source pollution through various types of projects and planning activities.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was enacted on February 17, 2009. The state of Wyoming has been allocated \$194,300 in stimulus package funding through the Section 604(b)/205(j) grant program, which is approximately 1% of the ARRA's Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) stimulus grant. These funds are specifically directed to states through EPA dispersed grants to carry out water quality management planning.

There are currently no proposed projects by state management agencies to conduct planning projects under Section 604(b)/205(j) and no proposals for use of FY09 funds were received during the 2008 request for proposal (RFP) period. The WQD public noticed in the Casper Star Tribune and on this web site an opportunity for state management agencies to submit proposals for projects that are able to meet the requirements of the ARRA, Section 604(b)/205(j), and which would be "under contract or construction" by February 17, 2010. No proposals were received by the public notice close date of May 11, 2009.

In order to meet the time frames attached to this funding, the WQD has completed work plans for approval by EPA to begin contracts to develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters within the state. TMDLs or similar types of watershed plans are currently required prior to the WQD being able to use approximately 80% (~\$720,000) of the CWA Section 319 incremental funds received by this program annually. EPA approved the use of ARRA funds for TMDL development in April, 2009, and the EPA 604(b)/205(j) grant award was approved on May 19, 2009.

The requirements for receiving the Section 604(b)/205(j) funding includes quarterly reporting requirements on the number of jobs created or preserved and other criteria specified in EPA's final guidance dated March 12, 2009, which can be found at: [http://epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/604bARRA\\_guidance\\_memo\\_FINAL.pdf](http://epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/604bARRA_guidance_memo_FINAL.pdf).

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