



SRFs to the Rescue

Utilization & Implementation of the Memo of Understanding Between EPA and FEMA



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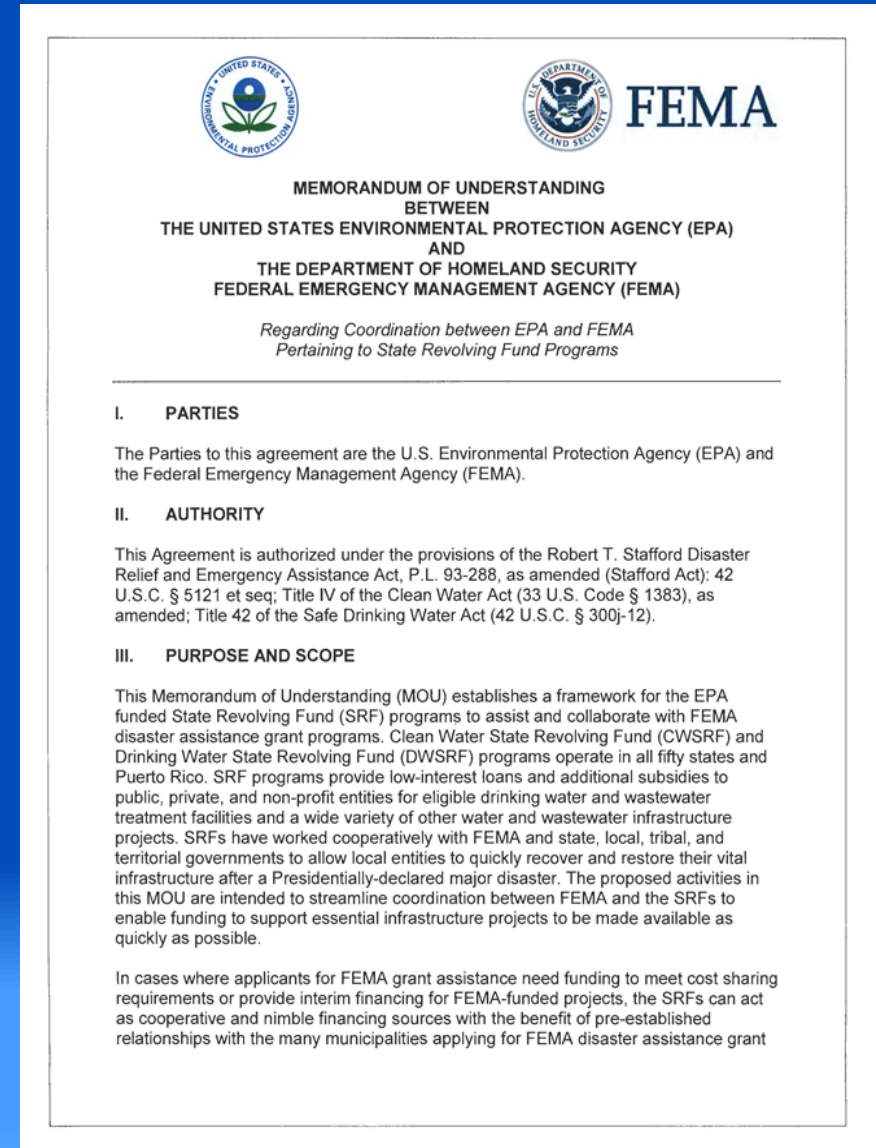
Mission of the MOU

- Streamline collaboration between FEMA and SRF programs to ensure that funding for vital water infrastructure recovery is available after a Presidential-declared disaster.
- Traditionally, a community would expend their own funds and wait for reimbursement from FEMA.
- FEMA and SRFs can coordinate to help a community as quickly as possible with assistance, such as low interest or no-interest loans to enable recovery in advance of FEMA reimbursement.



Key Elements of the MOU

- Authority
- Purpose and Scope.
- Responsibilities of EPA and FEMA
- Reporting and Documentation
- Points of Contact
- Period of Performance



<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/memorandum-understanding-between-environmental-protection-agency-and-department-homeland>

Utilization, Feedback and a Path Forward

- To-date, Oklahoma and Nebraska SRFs have used the MOU
- The SRF and FEMA will take the necessary steps to promote this MOU by:
 - Marketing and Outreach via webinars, factsheets, social media, newsletters and more
 - Training sessions on public assistance and emergency funding
 - Resiliency and Recovery Workgroup participation amongst both agencies



THANK YOU!

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