

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF WATER

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## MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Application of American Iron and Steel Requirements to Fiscal Year 2016 Drinking Water State Revolving Funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016

FROM: Anita Maria Thompkins, Director Drinking Water Protection Division

TO: Water Management Division Directors Regions I-X

On December 18, 2015, the President signed Public Law 114-113, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016," which provides fiscal year 2016 full-year appropriations through September 30, 2016, including funding for the Environmental Protection Agency. Section 424 of this law contains the same requirement for American Iron and Steel products that was included in the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235) and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 (P.L. 113-76).

As you are aware, the previous two appropriations acts included the "American Iron and Steel" requirement that recipients of DWSRF assistance are to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system if the project is funded through an assistance agreement executed starting January 17, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

All assistance agreements starting October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, must include the AIS requirements. All AIS guidance issued for FY 2014 and FY 2015 will continue to be applicable throughout the same time period. This memo will remain in place for the time period of October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016, and will continue in force under any continuing resolutions that use similar language as Section 424 of the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016."

If you have any questions, please contact Kiri Anderer (202-564-3134 or anderer.kirsten@epa.gov).

## Attachments

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