

The Consequences if Drinking Water Earmarks are Eliminated and Not Replaced with Equivalent General Funds

Loss of Drinking Water Construction Funds

- DDW would lose \$3.6 Million in construction funds from Sales Tax monies (this money is also used as State Match for federal construction monies)
- The State would lose an additional \$7.5 Million per year in federal construction funds
- With the loss of both State and federal construction funds, “small water systems” (systems serving less than 3,300 year-round residents) would not have available funding to accommodate: **growth, federal water quality mandates, replacement of aging infrastructure, and responses to emergency caused damaged infrastructure.**
- The Division of Drinking Water would lose \$2.5 Million in federally funded operating funds [[federal Safe Drinking Water Act: Title XIV Section 1452 \(a\) \(3\) \(g\) and \(k\)](#)]
- The Division of Drinking Water would lose an additional \$895,000 in federal Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) grant operating funds
- The State would lose Primacy (State authority to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act) [[federal Safe Drinking Water Act Title XIV Section 1413](#)]

Loss of Primacy

- EPA would implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Utah, [[federal Safe Drinking Water Act: Title XIV Section 1452 \(a\) \(1\) \(F\)](#)] including:
 - Water quality, monitoring and **enforcement**
 - Contracted site inspections
- With EPA implementation the following State provided services would be lost:
 - Technical Assistance
 - Source Water Protection
 - Engineering Plan Review
 - Operator Certification
 - Cross Connection Control
 - Emergency Response

Safe and reliable drinking water is essential for all residents of the State and would be seriously hampered if the Earmarks are not replaced.