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AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK ANNOUNCES **\$615.8 MILLION FOR RURAL WATER PROJECTS**

\$11,899,700 GOES TO STAFFORD, CT

Amherst, MA – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the selection of more than \$615.8 million in water and environmental projects that are being funded immediately with federal funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The projects will help provide safe drinking water and improved wastewater treatment systems for rural towns and communities in 34 states.

Stafford, Connecticut will receive a \$6,566,000 low-interest loan and a \$5,333,000 grant from this round of federal stimulus funding to upgrade the towns' sewer system.

“Aging water and waste infrastructure systems threaten the ability of rural communities to provide clean, reliable drinking water to residents and protect precious environmental resources.” said Vilsack. “These investments will help bring increased economic benefits to rural America by providing needed water, water systems and creating jobs.”

Upgrades to Stafford's sewer system include headworks and septage facility renovations, upgrades to the aeration system equipment, construction of an electrical building, installation of new aeration and filter blowers, web media modules in the aeration tanks for year-round nitrification, soda ash storage, mechanical upgrades to secondary clarifiers, and plant-wide electrical upgrades. The towns' wastewater collection system serves approximately 5,000 residential users and 200 commercial users. The system was constructed in 1972 and has only seen minor upgrades since.

USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program provides loans and grants to ensure that the necessary investments are made in water and wastewater infrastructure to deliver safe drinking water and protect the environment in rural areas. More information about USDA Rural Development can be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov. Funding of individual recipients is contingent upon their meeting the terms of the loan or grant agreement.

President Obama signed The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 into law on Feb. 17, 2009. It is designed to jumpstart the nation's economy, create or save millions of jobs and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

More information about USDA's Recovery Act efforts is available at www.usda.gov/recovery. More information about the Federal government's efforts on the Recovery Act is available at www.recovery.gov.

**ARRA Rural Water and Wastewater Funding
Project List
April 28, 2009**

State	Project Name	Total Rural Development Funding
AL	Munford Water Authority	\$854,100
AL	South Bullock County Water Authority	\$1,750,000
AL	The Water Works and Sewer Board of City of Thomasville	\$15,199,000
AL	Town of Millport	\$1,164,000
AR	City of Earle	\$1,650,000
AR	City of Highland	\$425,000
AR	City of Salesville	\$2,311,000
AR	Ludwig Water Users Assoc.	\$240,000
AR	Phillips County Sewer Facilities Board	\$5,878,000
AZ	Yarnell Water Improvement Assoc.	\$1,300,000
AZ	Yuma County Improvement District	\$14,628,424
CA	Caruthers CSD	\$2,503,000
CA	City of Gridley	\$5,050,850
CA	Cutler PUD	\$2,930,000
CA	Leavitt Lake CSD	\$180,400
CA	Leavitt Lake CSD	\$182,000
CA	Rolling Hills Mutual Water Co., Inc.	\$1,044,000
CA	Valley Springs Utility District	\$1,430,000
CA	Westwood Community Services District	\$559,000
CT	Town of Stafford	\$11,899,700
FL	Town of Wausau	\$2,355,000
IL	City of Barry	\$747,000
IL	Clay County Water Co.	\$2,012,000
IL	Scott County Rural Water Coop.	\$1,159,000
IL	Tri-City Regional Port District	\$400,000
IL	Village of Sandoval	\$980,000
IN	Koontz Lake Regional Sewer District	\$14,312,000
IN	Town of Carthage	\$4,390,000
IN	Town of Dana	\$5,768,600
IN	Town of Elnora	\$1,716,000
KS	City of Atwood	\$3,066,000
KS	RWD #1, Crawford County	\$1,804,000
KY	Barkley Lake Water District	\$1,891,700
KY	Bath County Water District	\$371,000
KY	City of Campbellsville	\$669,000
KY	City of Hartford	\$1,940,000
KY	Oldham County Water District	\$13,243,100
KY	Southern Water District	\$759,000

State	Project Name	Total Rural Development Funding
ME	Anson Water District	\$1,480,000
ME	Bingham Water District	\$112,000
ME	City of Belfast	\$2,000,000
ME	City of Brewer	\$865,000
ME	City of Calais	\$3,000,000
ME	City of Gardiner	\$300,000
ME	Jay Village Water District	\$520,000
ME	Loring Development Authority of Maine (LDA)	\$1,290,000
ME	Madison Water District	\$1,334,000
ME	Newport Sanitary District	\$1,750,000
ME	Sinclair Sanitary District	\$692,000
ME	Town of Dover Foxcroft	\$1,008,000
ME	Town of Jay	\$685,000
ME	Town of Livermore Falls	\$179,000
ME	Town of Machias, Washington City	\$2,000,000
ME	Winterport Water District	\$710,000
MI	Adams Township	\$2,953,000
MI	Bergland Township	\$4,274,000
MI	City of Crystal Falls	\$8,380,000
MI	City of Ironwood	\$3,688,000
MI	City of Ironwood	\$4,809,000
MI	Montcalm County	\$5,764,000
MI	Osceloa Township	\$3,484,000
MI	Portage Township	\$973,000
MI	Portage Township	\$1,363,000
MI	Rogers City Sewer Systems	\$4,254,000
MI	Rogers City Water Systems	\$3,327,000
MI	Torch Lake Township	\$6,469,000
MI	Township of Ironwood Charter	\$1,083,000
MI	Village of Breckenridge	\$3,898,000
MI	Village of L'Anse	\$7,499,000
MI	Village of Laurium	\$1,400,000
MI	Village of Owendale	\$175,000
MI	Village of Vernon	\$2,602,000
MN	City of Bricelyn	\$1,595,000
MN	City of Hadley	\$2,192,000
MN	City of Lowry	\$1,980,000
MN	City of Perley	\$961,000
MN	City of Peterson	\$711,000
MN	City of Watson	\$2,163,000
MN	Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water	\$16,556,000
MN	Milford Township (Essig)	\$613,000
MO	Atchinson County PWSD #1	\$5,000,000
MO	Atchinson County PWSD #1	\$17,000,000

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MO	City of Gideon	\$2,407,000
MO	City of Hayti	\$2,891,000
MO	City of Risco	\$550,000
MO	City of Vienna	\$2,149,100
MO	Plattsburg Water Treatment Plant	\$5,300,000
MO	Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Ozark County	\$1,543,000
MO	Southeast Sewer District Johnson County	\$233,000
MO	St. Mary	\$283,400
MO	Washington PWSO #2	\$883,904
MO	Water System Improvements	\$2,885,000
MO	Whitewater-Allenville	\$1,640,000
MS	Clara Water Association, Inc.	\$555,800
MS	Coontail Water Association, Inc.	\$332,000
MS	Erata Water Association, Inc.	\$422,000
MS	Mt. Comfort Water Association, Inc.	\$1,624,000
MS	Sunflower Utility Association, Inc	\$748,500
MS	Whistler Water Association, Inc.	\$1,156,470
MT	Crow Agency	\$600,000
MT	Happy Valley Water District Improvement	\$1,230,000
MT	Loma County WSD	\$1,197,000
MT	Town of Dutton	\$732,000
MT	Town of Twin Bridges	\$2,685,000
ND	City of Harvey	\$2,956,000
ND	City of Kulm	\$1,835,000
ND	Dakota Rural Water District	\$1,980,000
ND	North Central Consortium	\$1,018,900
ND	North Central Consortium	\$3,019,900
ND	Three Affiliated Tribes	\$3,567,900
NE	Village of Uehling	\$170,000
NH	City of Franklin	\$7,200,000
NH	Town of Franconia	\$4,250,000
NH	White Rock Cooperative Estates	\$868,000
NJ	Borough of Keyport	\$3,500,000
NJ	Bueno Borough Municipal Utilities Authority	\$4,603,000
NJ	City of Wildwood Phase III Sewer Improvement	\$7,400,000
NJ	Penns Grove Sewerage Authority	\$969,000
NM	City of Santa Rosa	\$12,000,000
NM	City of Tucumcari	\$7,000,000
NM	EMW Gas Association	\$6,000,000
NM	Village of Logan	\$8,500,000
NM	Village of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs	\$1,000,000
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NV	Lander County SWD	\$175,906
NY	Village of Cassadaga	\$5,000,000

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OH	Earnhart Hill Regional Water and Sewer District	\$3,687,000
OH	Syracuse-Racine SD	\$3,144,000
OK	Leflore County RWD #5	\$2,494,740
OK	McCurtain County Rural Water District #6	\$11,229,300
OK	Rural Water District #9, Osage County	\$397,700
OK	Tishomingo Municipal Authority	\$2,956,000
OK	Tishomingo Municipal Authority	\$4,005,000
PA	Garrett Borough	\$310,000
PA	Hyndman Borough	\$2,280,000
PA	Londonderry Township	\$747,000
PA	Lower Ten Mile Run, Phase II	\$11,696,500
PA	Menallen Township Sewer Authority	\$5,465,800
PA	Montrose Municipal Authority	\$11,300,000
PA	New Berlin Municipal Authority	\$5,840,400
PA	Pegasus Sewer Authority	\$14,223,000
PA	Rayburn Township Joint Municipal Authority	\$6,603,660
PA	Sandy Township Municipal Authority	\$5,838,000
SC	Starr-Iva WSD	\$9,571,300
SD	City of Waubay	\$918,000
SD	Mid Dakota Rural Water	\$12,000,000
TN	City of Algood	\$2,979,000
TN	City of Bolivar	\$1,650,000
TN	City of Covington	\$210,000
TN	City of Gallaway	\$221,300
TN	City of Parsons	\$1,224,000
TN	City of Savannah	\$450,000
TN	Dekalb Utility District	\$830,000
TN	Hayward County Water	\$270,250
TN	Reelfoot Lake Regional Utility and Planning Dist.	\$400,000
TN	Smith Utility District	\$3,949,000
TN	Sneedville Utility District	\$828,000
TN	Town of Byrdstown	\$1,700,000
TN	Town of Rossville	\$652,200
TN	Town of Selmer	\$2,300,000
TX	Dogwood Springs Water Supply Corporation	\$618,000
TX	Wellborn Special Utility Dist.	\$538,000
VA	Carroll County PSA	\$6,218,000
VA	City of Norton	\$3,160,000
VA	Town of Rural Retreat	\$734,000
VA	Wythe County	\$1,065,000
VT	Town of Ludlow	\$1,974,800
VT	Town of St. Johnsbury	\$3,100,000
WI	Parkland D. D. #1	\$7,708,000
WI	Village of Butternut	\$1,432,000

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WI	Village of Curtis	\$2,340,000
WI	Village of Friendship	\$1,809,000
WI	Village of Friendship	\$2,108,000
WV	Big Bend PSD	\$1,800,000
WV	City of Belington	\$2,955,000
WV	City of Crum	\$3,056,000
WV	City of Elkins	\$29,075,000
WV	City of Philippi	\$7,712,000
WV	City of Romney	\$510,000
WV	City of War	\$180,300
WV	City of War	\$217,500
WV	Gauley River PSD	\$3,235,000
WV	Hodgesville PSD	\$1,740,000
WV	Huttonsville Public Service District	\$1,000,000
WV	Lavalette PSD	\$417,000
WV	McDowell County PSD	\$1,770,000
WV	Monongah, Town of	\$2,000,000
WV	Pleasant Hill Public Service District	\$750,000
WV	Red Sulphur PSD	\$2,000,000
WV	Town of Gilbert	\$1,486,000
WV	Town of Grantsville	\$1,130,000
WV	Town of Harrisville	\$220,000
WV	Town of Wayne	\$3,749,500

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