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## **WATER IMPROVEMENTS HEADED FOR SCRIBNER VIA USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

**Lincoln, Neb., July 6, 2004**--The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded in late June, nearly \$1.4 million in loan and grant funds to the Village of Scribner for sewer improvements. The improvements will update the Village's existing wastewater facility to ensure compliance with the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ammonia and 504 sludge standards.

Scribner's existing mechanical treatment plant was constructed in 1967 with the secondary treatment installed in 1971. Most plant equipment is at the end of its useful life, and the controls are antiquated. In order to comply with NPDES regulations, planned plant improvements will include disinfection, solids digestion/handling, relocation of the outfall line, and preliminary/primary treatment and collection system. The collection system contains areas which are allowing high infiltration and inflows. The project will replace faulty collection mains to eliminate the unnecessary flows into the sanitary sewer system.

The \$1,169,600 USDA loan and \$193,100 grant were provided through the USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. Loan terms are 20 years at 4.375 percent interest. Community Development Block Grant funds of \$250,000 from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development will assist in the project's funding. For additional information contact Janice Stopak at [janice.stopak@ne.usda.gov](mailto:janice.stopak@ne.usda.gov), 6030 S. 58<sup>th</sup> Street Suite B Lincoln, Neb. 68516 or phone (402) 423-9683, (402) 437-5093 (TDY). Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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