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## Hughes River Water Board Approved For Water & Waste Funds

**Morgantown, WV – November 13, 2008:** State Director Rick E. Rice announces that **Rural Development** approved a Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan in the amount of \$128,000 for Hughes River Water Board, Ritchie County, WV.

The Hughes River Water Board currently serves the Town of Harrisville, the Town of Cairo, and the City of Pennsboro with water service. Rural Development funds will be used to install a belt filter press at the water plant to replace the existing sludge bagging system.

“This will alleviate an emergency situation to dispose of waste sludge. This subsequent Rural Development loan covers a construction cost overrun,” added Rice.

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