

POSITION PAPER: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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The American Supply Association Supports Adequate Funding for Water Infrastructure.

- ASA supports legislation to adequately fund America's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.
- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Accountability Office, the projected shortfall in clean water infrastructure investment will approach \$500 billion over the next two decades.
- Despite this \$500 billion shortfall, federal funds for water infrastructure have plummeted 70 percent since 1980 and almost 50 percent since 2001.
- The House has passed legislation calling for a study to determine ways to fund a trust fund for infrastructure projects.
- Similar legislation is expected to be introduced in the Senate in early 2008.
- A \$5 billion investment in ready-to-go water infrastructure construction projects would create approximately 235,000 jobs, improve the environment, and reduce burdens on local governments and businesses struggling to make urgently needed water infrastructure investments.
- ASA continues to urge Congress to create a dedicated trust fund for clean water in order to ensure that infrastructure modernization and maintenance remains a priority.

ASA is a member of the [Clean Water Council](#) and the [Water Infrastructure Network](#).

