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Eric- We are pressing Saint-Gobain to pay. That said, the leg idea is a good one. I passed this on to Deb. - Alyssa

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On Mar 25, 2016, at 2:34 PM, "Blatt, Eric" <[Eric.Blatt@vermont.gov](mailto:Eric.Blatt@vermont.gov)> wrote:

The system population according to the WSD database (SDWIS) is 13,250. I think we are at a point in time (unlike when the legislation was created in 1997) to extend this fund to the larger systems. We currently have roughly \$3M in the fund, so I do not foresee a problem with a shortage of these funds anytime soon. We also have the ability to prioritize planning loans (which to date, we have not had to resort to) and could limit the amount to larger systems thru that process. The loan fund and statutory limitations are found at 24 VSA §4753(a)(5).

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Hi Eric,

Do you happen to know the population of Bennington? As a general matter, would it make sense to expand eligibility to the VT Drinking Water Planning Loan Fund to larger communities? And finally, can you send me the statutory cite ? Thanks,

Rebecca

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Alyssa/Rebecca –

Jean Nicolai will be meeting next Wednesday on the PFOA issue and needs to know what funding options are available to North Bennington and Bennington for engineering planning. Planning funding for North Bennington is straightforward as we can provide a loan from the VT Drinking Water Planning Loan Fund. However, Bennington is more problematic. Current state law limits access to this fund to systems under 10K in population – Bennington exceeds the limit – while federal law does not impose a population limit. My question for you is whether we should be pursuing one-time emergency legislation (or a permanent change for similar circumstances) to expand access to this fund to enable Bennington to receive a loan as a funding option. If so, one option might be to find out if this could be done via the capital bill which goes to the House floor next week.

Rebecca – Are there other approaches that would be quicker?

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