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**TO: AWWA Leadership
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FROM: AWWA Government Affairs/Public Affairs

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Who:	Environmental Protection Agency
What:	New National Drinking Water Strategy Discussion
When:	4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, Room W183B of the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) Government Affairs Office encourages utility members attending AWWA's Annual Conference and Exposition (ACE10) to join a discussion about EPA's new National Drinking Water Strategy. The discussion will occur during an EPA Listening Session entitled "New Vision for Clean, Safe Drinking Water," 4-5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, in Room W183B of the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois.

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson announced the new strategy in March, but to-date, little additional information has been available beyond the four core principles underlying the strategy:

1. Address contaminants as groups rather than independently to cost-effectively achieve enhanced drinking water protection.
2. Foster development of new drinking water technologies to address health risks posed by a broad array of contaminants.
3. Use the authority of multiple statutes to protect drinking water.
4. Partner with states to share more complete public water monitoring data.

EPA staff indicates that the process for identifying potential contaminant groups will be finalized by late 2010. This strategy could influence agency action on both Contaminant Candidate List 3 contaminants (see <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ccl/>) and regulation revisions from the Second Six-Year Review (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/review/index.html>). Potential Agency actions under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Federal Insecticide Fungicide

Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) could reduce the number and quantity of contaminants challenging drinking water treatment.

Please find available background information on the new National Drinking Water Strategy on EPA's Website at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/sdwa/dwstrategy.html>, or view the administrator's announcement at http://www.youtube.com/user/USEPAgov#p/u/12/YnZ_MPexBBo.

Questions regarding the strategy and upcoming listening session should be directed to Steve Via at (202) 326-6130 or svia@awwa.org. Please note that participation in this event by conference call or webcast will not be feasible due to constraints at the Convention Center.