



# Department of Environmental Quality



To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

**Program: 604(b) TMDL Development (Water Quality Restoration)  
Nonpoint Source Management Program – CWA Section 319 and 604(b)/205(j) grant program.**

**Total ARRA Dollars: 1% of CWSRF**

**Wyoming Share: Estimated at \$194,300**

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Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) is responsible for the management of the Clean Water Act's (CWA) Section 319 and Sections 604(b)/205(j) grant disbursement programs through oversight by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Wyoming Governor's appointed Nonpoint Source Task Force. Through a combination of these programs, Wyoming receives approximately 1.2 million dollars annually to address non-point source pollution through various types of projects and planning activities.

The American Recovery Act (ARRA) was enacted on February 17, 2009. The state of Wyoming has been allocated \$194,300 in stimulus package funding through the Section 604(b)/205(j) grant program, which is approximately 1% of the ARRA's Federal Fiscal Year 2009 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) stimulus grant. These funds are specifically directed to states through EPA dispersed grants to carry-out water quality management planning with oversight and approval by EPA. The DEQ is currently processing the required application for EPA approval of this funding allocation.

In order to meet the time frames attached to this funding, the WQD is currently preparing work plans for approval by EPA to begin contracts to develop total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for impaired waters within the state. TMDLs or similar types of watershed plans are currently required prior to the WQD being able to use approximately 80% (~\$720,000) of the CWA Section 319 incremental funds received by this program annually.

The DEQ is unaware of any proposed projects by state management agencies to conduct planning projects under Section 604(b)/205(j) and no proposals for use of FY09 funds were received during the 2008 request for proposal (RFP) period. The WQD will public notice in the Casper Star Tribune and on this web site an opportunity for state management agencies to submit RFPs for projects that are able to meet the requirements of the ARRA, Section 604(b)/205(j), and will be "under contract or construction" by February 17, 2010.

The requirements for receiving the Section 604(b)/205(j) funding includes quarterly reporting requirements on the number of jobs created or preserved and other criteria specified in EPA's final guidance dated March 12, 2009, which can be found at: [http://epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/604bARRA\\_guidance\\_memo\\_FINAL.pdf](http://epa.gov/water/eparecovery/docs/604bARRA_guidance_memo_FINAL.pdf)

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