

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SEEKS COMMENTS ON DRAFT
2010 DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND INTENDED USE PLANS**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is seeking comments on the 2010 Draft Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans.

In addition, the department will hold a public meeting to discuss and take comments for the draft intended use plans and draft criteria. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. on April 22, 2009 at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, 1101 Riverside Dr., in Jefferson City.

Each year, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources prepares a plan describing how it intends to use federal and state funds for drinking water state revolving fund. The department uses this money to make low interest loans to drinking water systems. These loans help systems improve infrastructure, comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and protect public health. The interest rate on the available loan funds this year will be about 30 percent of the interest rate offered on a market rate loan. The department uses a smaller amount for program administration and technical assistance.

The state anticipates that there will be approximately \$79 million available this year for low interested loans to drinking water systems and approximately \$4.1 million available for other authorized activities.

The department is also soliciting comments on both the draft Priority Point Criteria and the draft Readiness to Proceed Criteria, which the department will use to rank new applications received for SFY2011. This information is included in the proposed loan application package attached to the draft intended use plan for for funds that will be available in state fiscal year 2010.

Except for minor updates that do not affect the basic criteria, the department is proposing no changes to the criterion approved last year. The department's goal is to set an application submittal deadline of Nov. 16, 2009.

The department will accept comment on these drafts until April 29. Comments can be submitted to the department's Water Protection Program by:

- Mail to the department's Water Protection Program, Attention Jerry Smith, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176.
- E-mail with the subject line "Intended Use Plan Comments" and direct to jerry.smith@dnr.mo.gov.
- Hand deliver to the receptionist at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, 1101 Riverside, Jefferson City. Make comments Attention to Jerry Smith, Water Protection Program.

A copy of the draft drinking water intended use plans and draft criteria can be found on the department Web site at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/srf/index.html. You may also obtain a copy by written request to Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, or by the Water Protection Program at 573-751-1300.
