

The Water System Resiliency and Sustainability Act: Section-By-Section Summary

- Paragraph (a):** Defines community water systems, treatment works, municipal separate storm sewer systems, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, groundwater storage and replenishment systems, irrigation transport systems, and floodwater management systems as entities eligible to compete for program funding.
- Paragraph (b):** Directs EPA to establish a Water System Resiliency and Sustainability (WSRS) program.
- Paragraph (c):** Directs EPA to make grants to help eligible water systems respond to the impacts of changing hydrological conditions on their operations, and details the type of projects and studies that are eligible for funding through the program.
- Paragraph (d):** Details what information a water system must provide in applying for funding through the WSRS program.
- Paragraph (e):** Directs EPA to award WSRS grants each year through a competitive process, prioritize funding projects at water systems that are facing the most significant risks from changing hydrological conditions, and as practicable fund a substantial number of projects that utilize innovative approaches to building resiliency.
- Paragraph (f):** Specifies that a WSRS grant shall not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the project undertaken by a water system.
- Paragraph (g):** Requires EPA to periodically report to Congress on the implementation of the legislation and projects funded by it.
- Paragraph (h):** Authorizes funding of \$50 million per year for five years.