

Signage Requirement Guidance

For BIL-Funded Projects

Background:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), in effect since November 2021, provides funding for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects nationwide for the 2022-2026 fiscal years. In order to enhance transparency through the use of the *Investing in America* emblem, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which is one of the federal agencies administering the funding, has developed guidance for the requirement of a project sign to be placed at relevant construction sites. Provision of the signage is an allowable cost under EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs, provided the cost is reasonable.

Applicability:

'Emerging Contaminants' and 'Lead Service Line' construction projects, as well as other construction projects funded by BIL General Supplemental funds, will have to meet the signage requirement.

Basic Requirements of the Project Sign:

- 1- A physical sign of a specific size (6' X 4'), bearing standard language as indicated in the sign template.
- 2- Placed at the construction site in an easily visible location.
- 3- Maintained in good condition throughout the construction period.
- 4- Included on the sign: "Investing in America" emblem and three logos: EPA, NCDEQ, and the fund recipient.

Notes:

- 1- If the contractor is to provide the sign, this guidance must be included in the relevant bid/contract documents, and a reasonable allowance provided in the bid form. Alternatively, the fund recipient may implement this requirement directly and provide invoices for reimbursement.
- 2- There is no specification for the materials of the sign. A balance between durability and cost is recommended.
- 3- With the exception of adding the logo of the fund recipient, no changes can be made to the sign design.
- 4- If the location of the project is not easily accessible or visible by the public, discuss with DWI's project manager alternative locations.

To Print the Sign:

Two electronic formats are available: Vector PDF and EPS. Both are editable to permit adding the logo for the fund recipient. For each format, two design layouts are available, one for adding a square or round logo, and one for a rectangular or oval logo shape. Please contact your DWI project manager to request the applicable graphic file.

