



# News & Notes

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## One Step Forward, Two Steps Back

### New Challenges for MWRA Pellets



Our victory on establishing a science-based, defensible molybdenum limit, which would allow for the year-round, in-state, beneficial reuse of MWRA pellets, was thrown a curve ball by the recently released Department of Agricultural Resources Plant Nutrient Application Requirements for Agricultural

Land Regulations 330 CMR 3.00. In essence, the scope of the regulation has been dramatically increased, making it practically nonviable ...

[Read more.](#)

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## Stormwater News

Tools and Resources for Communities

With MS4 permits on the horizon for July 2017, the Advisory Board is focusing on stormwater issues as it relates to MWRA communities. We continue to collaborate with agencies such as MAPC to help equip communities with the tools they need to usher in this new era of stormwater management. Among the resources available are those created by MAPC, including [worksheets](#) to estimate stormwater financing and an [outfall catchment calculator](#).

On a related note, a comprehensive stormwater financing forum will take place at the University of New Hampshire from November 15 to 16. The two-day event is hosted by the New England Environmental Finance Center and could be an excellent opportunity to start thinking critically about laying the groundwork of stormwater management in your community. Learn more about the event [here](#).

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## Operations Committee Meeting

November 17 at 10:30 am  
(prior to the start of the full AB Meeting)

How can we make the I/I Grant/Loan Program work even better for your community? As was discussed at our September meeting, the Operations Committee chaired by John Sanchez will be holding a meeting to discuss the expansion of eligible projects and purchases under the I/I Community Grant/Loan Program. For instance, some communities have suggested that the purchase of sewer cleaning equipment (vactor trucks) be made eligible.

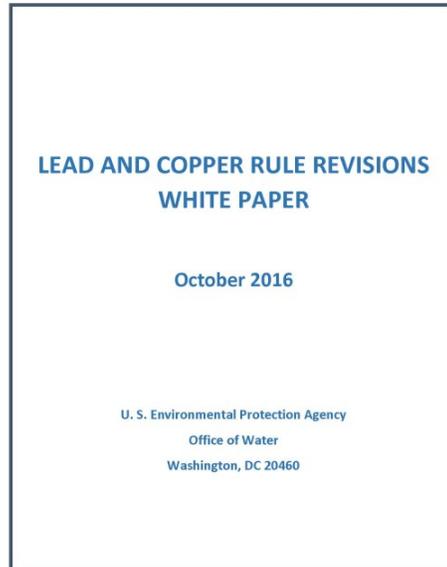
Help us help you. If you have any suggestions on additional projects or purchases that should be considered as eligible, please fill out this [online form](#). Or even better, please come to the Operations Committee meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 10:30 am at Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

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# FYI - Just Released

## EPA White Paper on Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

EPA has just released a white paper on potential lead and copper rule (LCR) revisions. Their goal is to develop a notice of proposed rule-making of LCR revisions for publication in the Federal Register and public review and comment in 2017. Click [here](#) to access the white paper.



## Save the Date!

### Community Meeting on Metropolitan Water Redundancy



When: December 8, 2016,  
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: Boston College,  
Yawkey Center (Murray Room)

Why: Provide communities  
and all other stakeholders the  
opportunity to weigh in on,  
listen to, and participate in

MWRA's evolving plans for Water System Redundancy. Topics include: What is redundancy? Why do we need it? ...

[Read more.](#)

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# Upcoming Events

For the month of [November](#)

**November 10** | 8:30 am, [Executive Committee meeting](#)

**November 11** | Veterans Day, AB office open

**November 16** | [MWRA Board of Directors meeting](#)

**November 17** | 10:30 am, [Operations Committee meeting](#)

**November 17** | 11:30 am, [AB Meeting at BWSC](#)

**November 24** | Happy Thanksgiving!

**November 25** | AB office closed

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