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SUBJECT: FNM – Fiscal Year 2020 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Priority Watersheds and Source Water Protection Areas

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The following implementation and/or readiness watersheds have been approved for NWQI in FY20:

NWQI Projects	HUC12 Codes	FY20 Allocation
Implementation Watersheds		**FA**
Wall Lake Inlet	071000060401	$55,400
Badger Creek	071000080402	$153,901
Lower South Fork Chariton River	102802010108	$193,933
Lost Branch-Chariton River	102802010207	$216,458
Headwaters Wolf Creek	102802010204	$258,807
Chariton Creek	102802010201	$123,654
Middle South Fork Chariton River	102802010105	$120,289
Silver Creek	070600020202	$201,000
Upper South Fork Chariton	102802010102	$220,853
TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION FA		**$1,544,295**
Readiness Watersheds		**CTA (maximum of $150,000)**
None		$0

The following source water protection areas (SWPAs) have been approved for NWQI in FY20:

NWQI SWPA Project	Project County	FY20 Allocation
Implementation SWPAs		**FA**
Spirit Lake SWP	Dickinson	$262,656
Cedar Lake (Winterset) SWP	Madison	$139,530
TOTAL SWPA FA		**$402,186**
Readiness SWPAs		**CTA (maximum of $150,000)**
None		$0

TOTAL FA FOR ALL PROJECTS	**$1,946,481**

Thank you for your efforts to target conservation to improve water quality in these watersheds/SWPAs.

A national announcement is being planned to communicate the approval of NWQI watersheds and source water protection areas for FY 2020. However, you can make state or local announcements of implementation and readiness watersheds upon receiving this memo.

There is an annual reporting requirement for all implementation phase watersheds and SWPAs. In addition to the interim metrics you identified in the implementation plan (submittal spreadsheet), you will be required to track implementation on critical source areas. Please make sure you have finalized your critical source area map and associated treatment acres with the NWQI Coordinator.

The table above shows the total amount of FA and CTA that you have (or will) receive for your watersheds in FY20. If you are unable to obligate all NWQI financial assistance funds designated for a project, you may use the funds in other implementation NWQI watershed projects. Otherwise, you must return the excess funds to the national office. Returned funds will be redistributed to other NWQI priority watersheds on a first-come, first-served basis. You may also add additional regular EQIP funds to the NWQI fund account.

States must use the guidance outlined in National Instructions 440-307.28 for implementing NWQI, including use of the national ranking template and spending plan/fund account name ("National Water Quality").

Thank you for your continued support of NWQI. If you have any questions, please contact Dee Carlson, NWQI Coordinator, at (202) 720-5287, or Martin Lowenfish, Areawide Planning Branch Chief, at (202) 690-4979.

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