

# Legislative Update

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# NRWA Annual Priority Programs

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- USDA Circuit Rider Program
- Grassroots Source Water Protection Program
- EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Technical Assistance
- EPA Clean Water Act Technical Assistance
- DOL National Rural Water Apprenticeship Program
- USDA Water and Waste Loans and Grants
- EPA State Revolving Funds

# NRWA Farm Bill Priorities

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- Circuit Rider Program Reauthorization
- Circuit Rider Expanded Emergency Authority
- Cybersecurity Circuit Rider Program
- Rural Development Affordable Financing and Servicing Tools
- Consolidation/Regionalization assistance to low-income rural communities
- Preserve 1926b Protection
- Reauthorize Grassroots Source Water Protection Program

# NRWA PFAS Action

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- Water Coalition Against PFAS
- S.1430 - Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act
  - Sen. Ricketts co-sponsor
- H.R. TBD- Water Systems PFAS Liability Protection Act
  - Rep. Curtis (UT-3) introduction imminent

# Congressional PFAS Action Timeline

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- June 2023: Senate EPW Stakeholder Comment on Draft PFAS Legislation
- November 2023: PFAS and CERCLA “Off-the-Record” Roundtable Discussion with environmental community and organizations representing passive receivers from the application of CERCLA to PFAS chemicals
- March 20, 2024: Senate EPW Hearing *Examining PFAS as Hazardous Substances*
  - NRWA sent 85 letters on behalf of 12,000 communities requesting an exemption from PFAS CERCLA Liability

## Discussion | Questions

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**Please request Senator Fischer and  
Reps. Flood, Bacon and Smith to  
support a CERCLA liability exemption  
from PFAS for water and wastewater  
systems!**

*S. 1430 & Rep. Curtis' Legislation*