



A CENTURY OF STRENGTHENING CITIES

National Association of Regional Councils

Environment and Energy Committee

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NLC 2025 Federal Action Agenda

Streamline Federal Programs
for All Communities

Increase the Nation's Housing
Supply

Promote Public Safety

Read more online [here](#).

Enhance Infrastructure Investment

Close the Digital Divide

Build Community Resilience

Reduce Legal and Financial
Burdens on Local Governments



Positioning Cities, Towns and Villages with the New Administration & Congress



Local Government Priorities for the Trump-Vance Administration in the First 100 Days

Presidential Actions Summary – Impact to Local Governments – [online here](#)

- Unleashing American Energy
- Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferences
- Regulatory Freeze Pending Review
- Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements
- America First Trade Policy
- Initial Recissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions
- Council to Assess the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Delivering Emergency Price Relief for American Families and Defeating the Cost-of-Living Crisis
- Immigration

Presidential Actions Summary – Impact to Local Governments

- **Programs**

- EECBG, CPRG, RAISE/BUILD, EVs, Reconnecting Communities, Safe Streets and Roads for All, **Earmarks**

- **Questions/Concerns**

- Past/future grants?
- Certainty for moving forward with project – impact on local budget cycles
- Access to draw down, reporting and other portals
- Timeline for returning to normal operations

- **Federal data sets, tools**

- Census, CDC, EJ Screen/CEJST

Federal Funding:

- Stay in compliance
- Document costs, burdens, impacts etc.
- Reach out to the agency
- Contact your Congressional delegation
- Let us know what you're experiencing

Water & Energy



Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

- Promulgated Oct. 2024 – Compliance date Nov. 2027
 - Establishes 10 year deadline for replacing ALL lead pipes
- Being challenged in court by the American Water Works Association (AWWA) for failure to adequately consider costs
 - AWWA estimate the total cost upwards of \$90 billion
 - EPA estimates total cost to be \$3-5 billion per year for 10 years
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided \$15 billion over five years – through 2026 (mostly loans)
- The LCRI could be disapproved through a Congressional Review Act Resolution (H.J.Res.18 introduced by Rep. Gary Palmer, R-AL)
- Backstop – Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

PFAS Action Overview

National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for PFAS

- Enforceable Maximum Contaminant Levels
- Compliance dates – Now (monitoring); June 2027 (reporting); June 2029 (treatment requirements)

Compound	MCLG	MCL
PFOA	0 ppt	4.0 ppt
PFOS	0 ppt	4.0 ppt
PFHxS	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFNA	10 ppt	10 ppt
PFHxS	Hazard Index of 1.0	
PFNA		
PFBS		
HFPO-DA		

Service Population	Annual System Cost	Annual Household Costs
25 to 100	\$ 75,000	\$3,570
101 to 500	\$150,000	\$1,700
501 to 1,000	\$330,000	\$1,390
1,001 to 3,300	\$530,000	\$640
3,301 to 10,000	\$670,000	\$325
10,001 to 50,000	\$1,500,000	\$225
50,001 to 100,000	\$5,560,000	\$175
100,001 to 1,000,000	\$6,410,000	\$70
>1,000,000	\$68,000,000	\$120

Source: [American Water Works Association](#)

Potential Funding/Financing Sources

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Traditional (loans and grants)
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Emerging Contaminants (BIL grants)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – Traditional (loans and grants)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – Emerging Contaminants (BIL grants)
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – Lead Service Line Replacement (BIL loans and grants)
- EPA grant programs for schools and daycares for lead replacement
- American Rescue Plan Act – State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- PFAS legal case settlements

PFAS Action Overview (con.)

Hazardous Substance Designation Under CERCLA

- Does not require clean up; confers liability for the cost of clean up
 - Current and past owners and operators of a facility
 - Generators and parties that arrange for the disposal or transport of the hazardous substances
- Subjects local governments to third party lawsuits and future liability
- Impacts on municipal operations
 - Drinking water, wastewater, stormwater utilities
 - Landfills
 - Airport/firefighting operations
- Need Congressional Action – Contact Your Senators to urge liability protection for local governments that did not cause or contribute to PFAS contamination

Resources

- [Lead and Copper Rule Improvements](#)
- [PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation](#)
- [PFOA/PFOS Designation as Hazardous Substances Under CERCLA](#)
- [EPA PFAS Communications Toolkit](#)
- [EPA Water Technical Assistance](#)

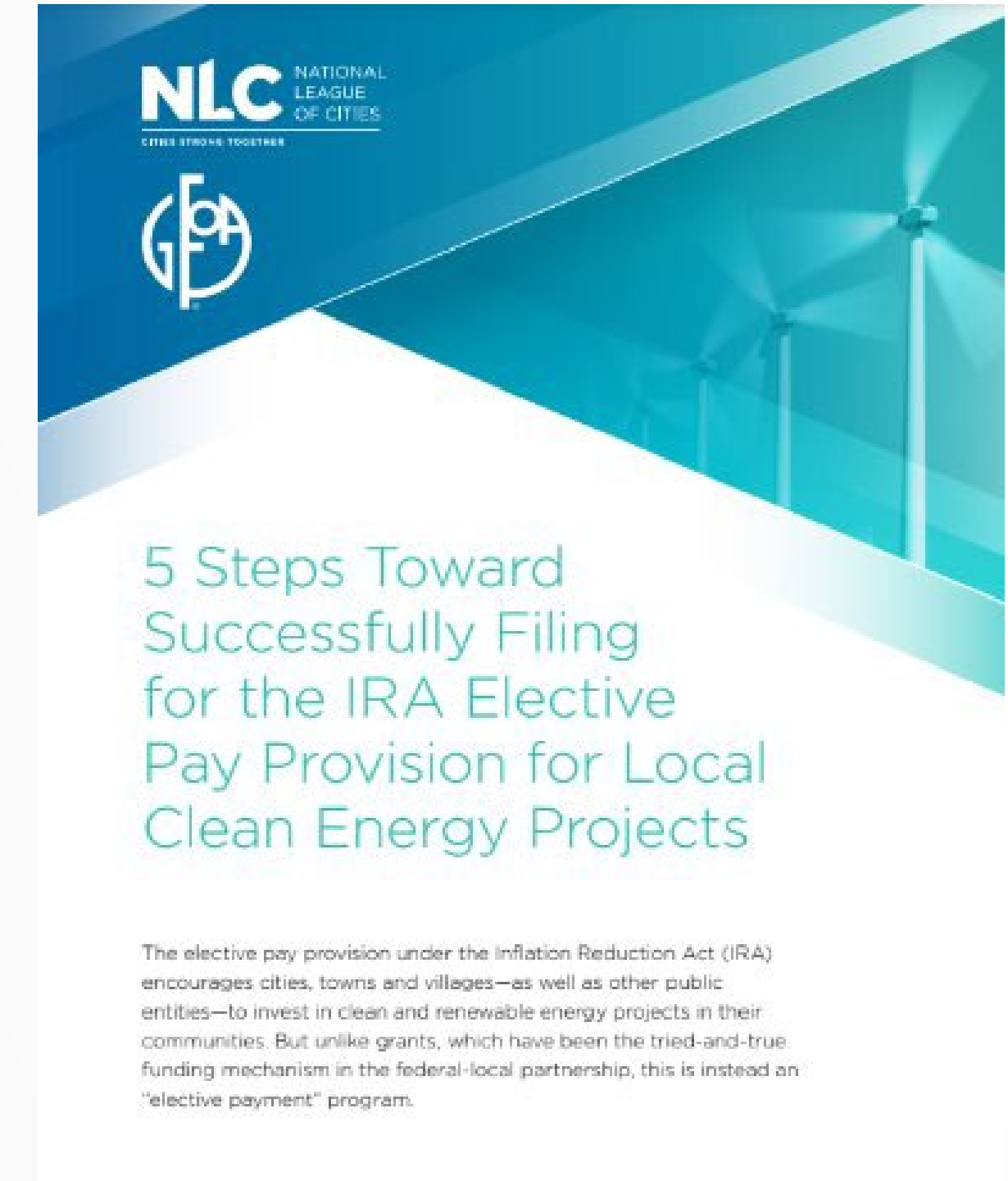
NLC blogs and briefs

- [Understanding New Lead and Copper Rule Requirements for Local Governments](#)
- [6 Things for Local Leaders to Know About EPA's New PFAS Drinking Water Regulations](#)
- [How Cities Can Prepare Now to Meet New PFAS Drinking Water Regulations](#)
- [What the Hazardous Substance Designation of PFAS Chemicals Means for Local Governments](#)
- [Evaluating PFAS Treatment Technologies](#)
- Managing PFAS Waste: A Comprehensive Guide for Local Decision-Makers – *soon*
- Lead and Copper Rule Improvements – 2 fact sheets – *soon*

Clean Energy – Direct Pay Provision

Financing mechanism under the Inflation Reduction Act

- Renewable Electricity Production Tax Credit – Sec. 45
 - Example projects: Microgrid/community solar; storage deployed at distribution level
- Energy Investment Tax Credit – Sec. 48 (inc. 48C, 48E)
 - Example projects: Rooftop solar on government buildings, water treatment facilities
- NLC blogs [here](#) and [here](#)
- Help us build a dashboard of municipal projects by [completing this form](#).



[Resource from NLC and GFOA to successfully file for direct pay](#)

Questions? Get in touch.



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