



# New Mexico Rural Water Association

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Dear Water Professional,

I am writing to you today to ask for your help. As you may be aware, NMRWA relies heavily on federal funding to help us provide many of our technical assistance and training services. These funds have become increasingly difficult to get, and the competition for every dollar is fierce. I personally feel that fair competition is a good thing - organizations that best meet the needs should receive funding to continue their services.

We have an opportunity to reestablish funding to NMRWA from the US Environmental Protection Agency, and we need your help to achieve this initiative. A few minutes of your time could directly benefit your system in the future. We are asking that you complete a letter of support for NMRWA. Our staff will receive and compile all these letters and then deliver them to USEPA Administrator Lisa Jackson in the near future. **We need to show that the majority of systems in New Mexico support us receiving this funding - that's about 330 letters.**

The support letters must specifically request the USEPA Administrator to direct already allocated USEPA funds to the National Rural Water Association and its affiliates, including NMRWA. USEPA will be making a decision on how to award funding over the next couple months. We have provided suggested language for your letter of support (see the template on the reverse side of this page). If your system has company letterhead, please use it for this letter. Be sure to provide your system name, your name, signature and contact information on this item.

Your immediate action on this is appreciated, as we may be required to provide this information to USEPA very soon. If you have any questions or need any assistance in completing the letter, please contact any member of our staff at 1-800-819-9893. We are mailing this information to all of our members, so **if you have already sent in your letter, thank you kindly for your support of NMRWA and I apologize for the repeated request.**

I have also included information on our upcoming Annual Conference, April 2-5, 2012. As always, you can find the latest information on our website at [www.nmrwa.org](http://www.nmrwa.org).

Sincerely,

Matthew Holmes  
Executive Director

# EPA Letter of Support Template

**Please return your letter of support directly to NMRWA for later delivery to EPA:**

**NMRWA  
8336 Washington Place NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113**

**Place on system letterhead if possible using the template below, or include the following:**

**System Name and Population Served**

**Street Address**

**City, State, Zip**

**Name, Signature and Title**

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*[Insert System Name and Address]*

*[Insert Date]*

To: EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson

The water system of *[Insert System Name]*, serving a population of *[Insert Population Served]* supports the training and source water protection assistance provided by the New Mexico Rural Water Association through EPA funding to the National Rural Water Association.

*[System may expand on any other support offered if desired - it is critical to include the first sentence above.]*

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*

*[Printed Name]*

*[Title]*