

State News for NSPE Members

EPA Announces Over \$42M for Wyoming Water Infrastructure Upgrades

[Wyo4News reports](#) that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$42,956,000 for Wyoming drinking water and clean water infrastructure upgrades. Almost half of this funding will be available as grants or principal forgiveness loans, ensuring funds reach underserved communities most in need of investments in water infrastructure.

“Over the past three years, EPA has invested nearly \$175 million for new and upgraded wastewater and drinking water services in Wyoming communities through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker. “These projects are building new treatment and delivery systems, creating jobs, and securing healthy watersheds and safe drinking water across the state.”

The funding EPA announced for Wyoming is part of a \$5.8 billion investment through the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF), one of EPA’s signature water investment programs. This multi-billion-dollar investment will fund state-run, low-interest loan programs to address key challenges, with \$2.6 billion going to the Clean Water SRF for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and \$3.2 billion going to the Drinking Water SRF for drinking water infrastructure nationwide. [Read more.](#)

Solar Energy and Sheep Expert Teams Up with Wyoming’s Massive Solar Project

BrightNight LLC has big plans for a 500-megawatt solar farm near Glenrock, Wyoming, and they’re keen on including sheep grazing as part of it to keep local traditions alive. That’s why they’ve reached out to Chad Higgins, an Oregon State University Associate Professor, who is famous for his work in agri-solar setups, [according to MicroGrid Media.](#)

Higgins has been on board since 2022 and is a pioneer in the field of agrivoltaics. His research dives deep into how solar panels interact with animals that graze – especially sheep. Letting sheep munch grass under solar panels isn't just a nice thought – it's happening all over the place. Higgins even ran tests at Oregon State University's Sheep Center with sheep feasting beneath solar arrays.

The American Solar Grazing Association expects that by 2023, over 50,000 acres of solar farms will be open dining rooms for sheep. Research says that sheep actually like chilling and eating under solar panels more than out in the wide-open fields. [Read more.](#)

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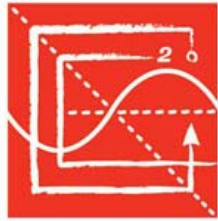
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