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**Gov. Dugaard Announces Additional \$194,000 Loan
for Emery Wastewater Project**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Dugaard says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an additional \$194,000 loan to Emery for wastewater system upgrades.

The \$194,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan is entirely in principal forgiveness and is in addition to a \$2.89 million loan, with \$1.677 million in principal forgiveness, awarded for the project in June.

The loan will be administered through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased to announce that Emery will receive this additional assistance,” said Gov. Dugaard. “This will help ensure the people of Emery have efficient, reliable and affordable wastewater service.”

The wastewater system upgrades involve replacing clay sanitary sewer lines throughout the city with 8-, 10- and 12-inch PVC pipe to reduce the infiltration of groundwater entering the system.

With the added loan, the funding will cover the estimated cost of the project.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for wastewater, storm water and nonpoint source projects. Principal forgiveness is a subsidy option that results in a reduced loan repayment amount for the borrower.

The board met today over the Digital Dakota Network.