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**Gov. Noem Announces \$1.798 Million Loan for Groton Drinking Water  
System Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$1,798,000 loan from the EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for Groton to make drinking water system improvements.

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Groton will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “The funding will help the city make needed upgrades to its drinking water system to better serve its customers.”

The drinking water system improvements include replacing the existing elevated water tower with a new 125,000-gallon tower, replacing the remaining 6-inch asbestos cement pipe in the system with PVC pipe, constructing a new pump house, and looping waterlines in the southern part of town to increase system reliability.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.078 million. The loan, along local funding will cover the estimated cost of the project. Loan terms are 2.75 percent for 30 years.

The State of South Dakota and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fund the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, which provides low-interest loans for public drinking water system projects.

The board met today in Pierre.