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**Gov. Noem Announces an Additional \$330,000 for  
Irene Wastewater System Improvements**

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Kristi Noem says the state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved an additional \$330,000 in loan funds for Irene to complete upgrades to its wastewater system.

The board previously awarded \$4.253 million in June 2019 for the project. The funding package includes a \$3.062 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan with \$2.3 million in principal forgiveness and a \$1.191 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan with \$789,000 in principal forgiveness.

The additional funds include a \$330,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan, with \$248,000 in principal forgiveness. Loan terms are 2.75 percent for 30 years.

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

“I am pleased to announce that the City of Irene will receive this assistance,” said Gov. Noem. “This additional funding will help the city complete needed upgrades to its wastewater system to better serve its customers.”

The city is using a phased approach to complete the necessary water and wastewater system upgrades, and this is the final phase. Phase II wastewater improvements include replacing 7,200 feet of deteriorating clay sanitary sewer lines, installing 3,400 feet of new storm water pipe, and replacing a lift station. Phase II drinking water systems improvements include replacing approximately 7,200 feet of old cast iron water mains throughout the system with new PVC pipe. The Phase II work area is bounded by Till Avenue to the west, Hazel Avenue to the west and State Street to the north.

The total estimated cost of the projects is approximately \$5,697,000.

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.