

1. Administrative Details

Proposal Name: Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Infrastructure program.

by Agency: Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

Locations: PA

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2. Provide the name of the primary sponsor and all non-Federal interests that have contributed or are expected to contribute toward the non-Federal share of the proposed feasibility study or modification.

Sponsor	Letter of Support
Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (Primary)	Attached

3. State if this proposal is for a feasibility study, a modification to an authorized USACE feasibility study or a modification to an authorized USACE project. If it is a proposal for a modification, provide the authorized water resources development feasibility study or project name.

[x] Modification to an Authorized USACE Project : Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Infrastructure program

4. Clearly articulate the specific project purpose(s) of the proposed study or modification. Demonstrate that the proposal is related to USACE mission and authorities and specifically address why additional or new authorization is needed.

The current proposal seeks to increase the authorized spending limit for the Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Infrastructure Program. Section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1992 (PL 104-303), as amended, authorizes the Corps of Engineers to provide support to communities and projects including waste water treatment and related facilities; water supply; storage, treatment, and distribution facilities; and surface water resource protection and development in 15 counties of South Central Pennsylvania. The Section 313 program was enacted to address widespread problems, especially in rural and small communities, regarding inadequate wastewater treatment, contaminated sources of drinking water, inadequate water supply capabilities and degraded quality of surface and ground water. Unfortunately, however, the Section 313 program has nearly reached the program's \$200M authorized spending limit. Consequently, non-Federal partners such as the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission are now incapable of leveraging this critical program at a time when increasing demand and severe environmental conditions (e.g., storm events) are placing even greater pressure on the Region's aging infrastructure.

5. To the extent practicable, provide an estimate of the total cost, and the Federal and non-Federal share of those costs, of the proposed study and, separately, an estimate of the cost of construction or modification.

	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
Study	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0

Explanation (if necessary)

We are requesting a reauthorization of the Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Infrastructure Program.

6. To the extent practicable, describe the anticipated monetary and nonmonetary benefits of the proposal including benefits to the protection of human life and property; improvement to transportation; the national economy; the environment; or the national security interests of the United States.

The socioeconomic and environmental problems that the Section 313 program was authorized to address (e.g., insufficient wastewater and storm water treatment; water supply, storage, and distribution) continue to cause or contribute to public health and safety hazards, degraded environmental resources, and limited economic development within the region. Expanding populations and extreme weather events are placing even more pressure on water management systems, exacerbating associated socioeconomic and environmental consequences of insufficient and aging infrastructure. An increase in the authorized spending limit for the Section 313 program would enable non-Federal partners to continue leveraging this historically successful program to minimize the aforementioned problems, improving socioeconomic and environmental conditions throughout the region. Moreover, the 15 counties authorized under the Section 313 program represent the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay and Ohio River - two regionally and nationally important socioeconomic and environmental resources. Thus, an increase in authorized program spending and continued success of the 313 program would result in benefits that extend far beyond the program boundaries.

7. Does local support exist? If 'Yes', describe the local support for the proposal.

Yes

Local Support Description

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission garnered support for this project from 10 counties in SWPA__

8. Does the primary sponsor named in (2.) above have the financial ability to provide for the required cost share?

No

Primary Sponsor Letter of Support

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Letter of support: Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental
Infrastructure program.

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission fully supports authorization for the Section 313 South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Infrastructure Program to assist with addressing widespread problems, especially in rural and small communities, regarding inadequate wastewater treatment, contaminated sources of drinking water, inadequate water supply capabilities and degraded quality of surface and ground water. Authorization for funding will leverage this critical program at a time when increasing demand and severe environmental conditions (e.g., storm events) are placing even greater pressure on the Region's aging infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Lew Villotti

Director - Planning & Development

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□ Pennsylvania Counties
■ Counties Authorized by Section 313

