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### **AWWA statement on American Society of Civil Engineers Infrastructure Report Card**

*Investing in drinking water infrastructure 'good for public health and safety, good for economy'*

(DENVER, CO) – Today, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) made available an early release of its 2009 Report Card on America's Infrastructure, assessing drinking water systems, roads, bridges, transit systems, and many others. Tom Curtis, Deputy Executive Director of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), issued the following statement concerning water infrastructure.

"The American Society of Civil Engineers' report underscores the importance of reinvesting in critical water infrastructure. With Congress debating how best to stimulate the economy, this is an ideal time to elevate the importance of repairing and replacing the water systems that are so central to our everyday lives.

"The good news is that if we invest in water infrastructure today, we can still avoid a crisis in the years ahead. That's why it's so important that the economic stimulus legislation include at least \$10 billion for drinking water infrastructure. More than \$10 billion in drinking water infrastructure projects are shovel-ready and can be initiated soon after funds are committed. These projects would put more than 400,000 Americans to work on aging water mains, leaking pipes, treatment plants, pump stations, storage reservoirs, elevated tanks, security safeguards and other needs.

"An investment in drinking water infrastructure is good for our public health and safety, and it's good for the economy. There's no better way to Americans back to work."

*Additional information on the impact of water infrastructure funding can be found at [www.awwa.org/jobcreation](http://www.awwa.org/jobcreation).*

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