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## Vitter, Alexander Announce Grant Funding for <u>Tensas Parish</u>

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**(Washington, D.C.)** – U.S. Sen. David Vitter and U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander announced today that the Tensas Water Distribution Association, Inc. will receive a federal grant of \$576,000 to expand and improve the water system in St. Joseph.

"All citizens of St. Joseph deserve access to safe, dependable drinking water and this funding will help ensure they have it," said Vitter. "I am pleased the U.S. Department of Agriculture made this funding available to Tensas Parish."

"This investment by the USDA Rural Development will enable the Tensas Water Distribution Association, Inc. to improve its services for local residents," Alexander said. "It will continue to improve the quality of life for future generations."

This grant, which is provided under the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program, will go toward the rehabilitation of the raw water intake facility and the construction of four booster pump stations and additional chlorine facilities. It will also provide for construction of seven miles of PVC water main and accessories.