

Mni Wiconi Rural Water

Project Description

The Mni Wiconi Rural Water System will provide drinking water for residents of three tribal water systems and one non-tribal system where previous water supplies were insufficient or of poor quality. Recovery Act funding would provide \$10 million for the rehabilitation of Bureau of Indian Affairs/Bureau of Indian Education school water systems on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation prior to receiving water from the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System. An additional \$10 million will include water treatment or intake modifications (\$2.45 million), backup generators (\$4.65 million) and backup wells or increased storage (\$2.1 million) to improve water system

reliability to the overall system.



Project Benefits

Completing these activities will:

- Provide drinking water to people that currently have poor quality water or have to haul water.
- Reduce administrative costs by completing the Mni Wiconi Project sooner.
- Accelerate portions of the Mni Wiconi Project that serve schools on the Pine Ridge Reservation.
- Improve the reliability of water delivery systems within the schools.



Budget Information

Recovery funding: \$20 million.

For more information

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