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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

“I am requesting funding for Treatment Upgrades for 1,4-Dioxane and VOCs at Plant No. 5 in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is Bethpage Water District located at 25 Adams Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714. The funding would be used to design and construct advanced treatment systems at Plant No. 5, ensuring a safe and plentiful supply of drinking water to the residents of the Bethpage Water District. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Bethpage Water District continues to be forced to respond to wave after wave of increasing water contamination caused by the Northrop Grumman/Navy groundwater contamination plume, one of the largest and most concentrated contamination plumes in the United States. Plant 5 currently employs temporary treatment in the form of advanced oxidation via utilization of hydrogen peroxide and ultra-violet light for the removal of the solvent stabilizer and likely-carcinogen 1,4-Dioxane discovered in the plume. This advanced treatment is in addition to the concurrent aeration and carbon polishing systems in place to remove high levels of volatile organic compounds (also suspected carcinogens) found in the groundwater plume.

This project includes the installation of permanent Advanced Oxidation systems sized at a capacity to treat the maximum concentration of 1,4-Dioxane found in the plume (approximately 10 times greater than the concentration currently impacting the supply well), enhanced volatile organic treatment to similarly remove organic contamination well in excess of current concentrations in the well, and carbon polishing to remove volatile organics from the off-gassing of the aeration towers.

Plant 5 represents one of only two remaining water supply facilities in the southern half of the District supply area and is critical to the District’s ability to satisfy the water needs of the 33,000 residents in community. The loss of operation of this water supply facility without the ability to supplement the water supply places the District at risk an insufficient water supply for domestic and fire protection purposes.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas R. Suozzi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a distinct dot over the 'i' at the end.

Tom Suozzi
Member of Congress