



## Community Update #2

### **We got the invitation!**

The EPA has invited us to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan to cover up to 80% of our Groundwater Water Quality & Conservation Program (GWQCP) Project.

Through WIFIA, the EPA has accelerated investment in water infrastructure to ensure safe and secure water resources for communities across our country. We at the Port of Morrow are very excited for this opportunity. WIFIA has already been used to make changes and upgrades all across Oregon!

#### Highlights of The GWQCP Project:

- Anaerobic Digesters
- Secondary treatment
- Winter storage lagoons
- Wastewater pond solids removal



Our industrial wastewater system processes approximately 3.5 billion gallons of wastewater generated by local employers every year. The system supports over \$2.5 billion in local economic output annually and almost 8,000 local jobs.

It has also benefited local farmers by providing an economical alternative to commercial fertilizers.

Construction is underway and scheduled for completion in 2025. The cleanup of an existing storage lagoon, which will add to the new system's capacity and provide some redundancy, is planned to be completed by 2027.

Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley and Congressman Cliff Bentz have sent letters of support to EPA on behalf of the Port. Merkley is the author of the WIFIA program.

Find out more about WIFIA and WIFIA Projects here: [WWW.EPA.GOV/WIFIA](http://WWW.EPA.GOV/WIFIA)