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# A BILL

То	amend sections 3734.123, 4909.172, 5721.10,	1
	6109.01, 6109.072, and 6109.24 and to enact	2
	section 5301.93 of the Revised Code to make	3
	changes to the application process for the	4
	waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge	5
	and to residential PACE lien priority, to create	6
	exceptions to the moratorium on modifications to	7
	hazardous waste incinerator installation and	8
	operation permits, and to eliminate public water	9
	system asset management program requirements for	10
	transient noncommunity water systems.	11

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3734.123, 4909.172, 5721.10,	12
6109.01, 6109.072, and 6109.24 be amended and section 5301.93 of	13
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	14
Sec. 3734.123. (A) As used in this section and section	15
3734.124 of the Revised Code, "commercial hazardous waste	16
incinerator" means an enclosed device that treats hazardous	17

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waste by means of controlled flame combustion and that accepts	18
for treatment hazardous waste that is generated off the premises	19
on which the device is located by any person other than the one	20
who owns or operates the device or one who controls, is	21
controlled by, or is under common control with the person who	22
owns or operates the device. "Commercial hazardous waste	23
incinerator" does not include any "boiler" or "industrial	24
furnace" as those terms are defined in rules adopted under	25
section 3734.12 of the Revised Code.	26

- (B) Not sooner than three years after April 15, 1993, and 27 triennially thereafter, the director of environmental protection 28 shall prepare, publish, and issue as a final action an 29 assessment of commercial hazardous waste incinerator capacity in 30 this state. However, after the issuance as a final action of a 31 determination under division (A) of section 3734.124 of the 32 Revised Code that terminates the restrictions established in 33 division (C) of this section, the director shall cease 34 preparing, publishing, and issuing the periodic assessments 35 required under this division. The assessment shall determine the 36 amount of commercial hazardous waste incinerator capacity needed 37 to manage the hazardous waste expected to be generated in this 38 state and imported into this state for incineration at 39 commercial hazardous waste incinerators during the next 40 succeeding twenty calendar years. The assessment shall include 41 at least all of the following: 42
- (1) A determination of the aggregate treatment capacity authorized at commercial hazardous waste incinerators located in this state;
- (2) A determination of the quantity of hazardous waste

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  generated in this state that is being treated at commercial

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hazardous waste incinerators located in this state and	48
projections of the quantity of hazardous waste generated in this	49
state that will be treated at those facilities;	50
(3) A determination of the quantity of hazardous waste	51
generated outside this state that is being treated at commercial	52
hazardous waste incinerators located in this state and	53
projections of the quantity of hazardous waste generated outside	54
this state that will be treated at those facilities;	55
(4) A determination of the quantity of hazardous waste	56
generated in this state that is being treated at commercial	57
hazardous waste incinerators located outside this state, and	58
projections of the quantity of hazardous waste generated in this	59
state that will be treated at those facilities;	60
(5) The amount of commercial hazardous waste incinerator	61
capacity that the director reasonably anticipates will be needed	62
during the first three years of the planning period to treat	63
hazardous waste generated from the remediation of sites in this	64
state that are on the national priority list required under the	65
"Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and	66
Liability Act of 1980," 94 Stat. 2767, 42 U.S.C.A. 9601, as	67
amended; as a result of corrective actions implemented under the	68
"Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976," 90 Stat. 2806,	69
42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended; and as a result of clean-up	70
activities conducted at sites listed on the master sites list	71
prepared by the environmental protection agency;	72
(6) Based upon available data, provided that the data are	73
reliable and are compatible with the data base of the	74
environmental protection agency, an identification of any	75

hazardous waste first listed as a hazardous waste in regulations

adopted under the "Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of

1976," 90 Stat. 2806, 42 U.S.C.A. 6921, as amended, on or after	78
April 15, 1993, and of any hazardous waste that has been	79
proposed for such listing by publication of a notice in the	80
federal register on or before December 1 of the year immediately	81
preceding the triennial assessment;	82
(7) An analysis of other factors that may result in	83
capacity changes over the period addressed by the assessment.	84
(C) Except as otherwise provided in section 3734.124 of	85
the Revised Code, none of the following shall occur on or after	86
April 15, 1993:	87
(1) The director shall not do any of the following:	88
(a) Issue any hazardous waste facility installation and	89
operation permit under division (D) of section 3734.05 of the	90
Revised Code for the establishment of a new commercial hazardous	91
waste incinerator, or issue any modified hazardous waste	92
facility installation and operation permit under division (I) of	93
that section that would authorize an increase in either the	94
treatment capacity of a commercial hazardous waste incinerator	95
or the quantity of hazardous waste authorized to be treated by	96
it;	97
(b) Issue any permit pursuant to rules adopted under	98
division (F) of section 3704.03 of the Revised Code, division	99
(J) of section 6111.03 of the Revised Code, or the solid waste	100
provisions of this chapter and rules adopted under those	101
provisions, that is necessary for the establishment,	102
modification, or operation of any appurtenant facility or	103
equipment that is necessary for the operation of a new	104
commercial hazardous waste incinerator, or the modification of	105
such an existing incinerator to increase either the treatment	106

capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste	107
that is authorized to be treated by it. Upon determining that an	108
application for any permit pertains to the establishment,	109
modification, or operation of any appurtenant facility or	110
equipment, the director shall cease reviewing the application	111
and return the application and accompanying materials to the	112
applicant along with a written notice that division (C)(1)(b) of	113
this section precludes the director from reviewing and acting	114
upon the application.	115

- (c) Issue any exemption order under division (G) of 116 section 3734.02 of the Revised Code exempting the establishment 117 of a new commercial hazardous waste incinerator; the 118 modification of an existing facility to increase either the 119 treatment capacity of the incinerator or the quantity of 120 hazardous waste that is authorized to be treated by it; or the 121 establishment, modification, or operation of any facility or 122 equipment appurtenant to a new or modified commercial hazardous 123 waste incinerator, from divisions (C)(1)(a) or (b) or (C)(2) of 124 this section. 125
- 126 (2) If the director determines that an application for a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit 127 submitted under division (D) of section 3734.05 of the Revised 128 Code pertains to the establishment of a new commercial hazardous 129 waste incinerator, or a request for a modification of an 130 existing incinerator submitted under division (I) of that 131 section pertains to an increase of either the treatment capacity 132 of the incinerator or the quantity of hazardous waste that is 133 authorized to be treated by it, the director shall cease 134 reviewing the application or request and shall return it and the 135 accompanying materials to the applicant along with a written 136 notice that division (C)(2) of this section precludes the review 137

of the application or request.	138
(D) Division (C) of this section does not apply to an	139
application for a modified hazardous waste facility installation	140
and operation permit under division (I) of section 3734.05 of	141
the Revised Code for any hazardous waste incinerator in	142
operation before April 15, 1993, if both of the following apply	143
to the application:	144
(1) The application seeks to install an improved air	145
emission control system designed to achieve compliance with 40	146
C.F.R. 63, Subpart EEE.	147
(2) The application does not seek to increase the	148
treatment capacity of the hazardous waste incinerator or the	149
quantity of waste to be treated by it.	150
(E) Division (C) of this section does not apply to an	151
application for a modified hazardous waste facility installation	152
and operation permit under division (I) of section 3734.05 of	153
the Revised Code for any hazardous waste incinerator in	154
operation before April 15, 1993, if all of the following apply	155
to the application:	156
(1) The application seeks to increase the treatment	157
capacity of the hazardous waste incineration operations or the	158
quantity of waste to be treated by it.	159
(2) The hazardous waste incinerator is at or near its	160
actual maximum operating capacity on the effective date of this	161
<pre>amendment.</pre>	162
(3) The application seeks to install an improved air	163
emission control system designed to achieve compliance with 40	164
C.F.R. 63, Subpart EEE.	165

(4) The owner or operator of the hazardous waste	166
incinerator has not been issued any other permit allowing for	167
the expansion of the hazardous waste incinerator or construction	168
of a new hazardous waste incinerator prior to the effective date	169
of this amendment.	170

Sec. 4909.172. (A) A waterworks company, or a sewage 171 disposal system company, that is a public utility may file an 172 application with the public utilities commission for approval to 173 collect an infrastructure improvement surcharge, determined in 174 175 accordance with this section, from customers located in the company's affected service areas and subject to affected 176 schedules filed by the company under section 4905.32 of the 177 Revised Code. The application shall be in such form and contain 178 such information as the commission prescribes. At the time of 179 filing, the company shall serve a copy of the application upon 180 the chief executive of each municipal corporation, the board of 181 township trustees of each township, and the board of county 182 commissioners of each county in which affected customers are 183 located. A company for which an infrastructure improvement 184 surcharge is authorized under this section may file an 185 application for another such surcharge not sooner than twelve 186 months after the filing date of its most recent infrastructure 187 improvement surcharge application. 188

(B) The commission shall provide an opportunity for the
filing of comments on an application filed under division (A) of
this section. After considering those comments, the commission
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may authorize an infrastructure improvement surcharge for the
company that is just and reasonable and is sufficient, but does
not exceed, the revenue requirement necessary to do both of the
following:
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(1) Cover such infrastructure plant costs of the company	196
as are described in division (C) of this section, incurred after	197
March 1, 2003, and before the date of filing, and not already	198
reflected in the affected schedules filed by the company under	199
section 4905.32 of the Revised Code;	200
(2) Provide a fair and reasonable rate of return on the	201
filing date valuation of that particular infrastructure plant.	202
Each infrastructure improvement surcharge chargeable to	203
each affected customer class within any single tariff of the	204
company shall not exceed three per cent, for a sewage disposal	205
system company, and four and one quarter one-quarter per cent,	206
for a waterworks company, of the rates and charges applicable to	207
the class and for the tariff in effect on the date the	208
application was filed and, as to the allowed percentage	209
increase, shall be uniform for each such class. The commission	210
shall not authorize a company to have more than three	211
infrastructure improvement surcharges for any single company	212
tariff in effect at any time.	213
Additionally, the commission shall not authorize an	214
infrastructure improvement surcharge under this section if it	215
determines that the surcharge causes the company to earn an	216
excessive rate of return on its valuation under section 4909.15	217
of the Revised Code.	218
(C) For purposes of this section, a company's costs of	219
infrastructure plant may include depreciation expenses. Such	220
infrastructure plant may consist of the following capital	221
improvements that the commission determines are <u>prudent and</u> used	222
and useful in rendering public utility service and that are	223
properly classified in the uniform system of accounts adopted by	224

the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners as

identified in rule 4901:1-15-32 of the Administrative Code:	226
(1) In the case of a waterworks company, replacement of an	227
existing plant including chemical feed systems, filters, pumps,	228
motors, plant generators, meters, service lines, hydrants,	229
mains, and valves, included in accounts 323, 324, 325, 326, 327,	230
328, 332, 342, 343, 345, 346, 347, and 348, as well as main	231
extensions that eliminate dead ends to resolve documented water	232
supply problems presenting significant health or safety issues	233
to then existing customers, and main cleaning or relining;	234
(2) In the case of a sewage disposal system company,	235
replacement of <u>an</u> existing <del>infrastructure including chemical</del>	236
feed systems, filters, pumps, motors, sludge-handling equipment,	237
plant generators, mains and lift stations, plant included in	238
accounts 352, 352.1, 352.2, 353, 354, 355, 356, 362, 363, 364,	239
365, 372, 373, 374, and 375, as well as main extensions that	240
resolve documented sewage disposal problems presenting	241
significant health or safety issues to then existing customers,	242
and main cleaning, inflow and infiltration elimination, or	243
relining;	244
(3) Unreimbursed capital expenditures made by the	245
waterworks company, or the sewage disposal system company, for	246
waterworks, or sewage disposal, facility relocation required by	247
a governmental entity due to a street or highway project;	248
(4) Capital expenditures made by the waterworks company or	249
sewage disposal system company to comply with any consent	250
decree, final order, or final rule of the United States	251
environmental protection agency or the Ohio environmental	252
protection agency.	253
(5) Minimum land or land rights acquired by the company as	254

necessary for any service line, equipment, or facility described	255
in divisions (C)(1) to $\frac{(3)}{(4)}$ of this section.	256
As used in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section,	257
"replacement of an existing plant" includes replacements that	258
result in an upgrade or improvement of the previously existing	259
plant, provided that the replacement plant is prudent, qualifies	260
for recovery under this section, and performs the same or	261
similar function or purpose as it did prior to the replacement.	262
(D) (1) If the commission fails to issue a final order	263
within one hundred eighty days after the date the application is	264
filed under this section, and at the waterworks or sewage	265
disposal company's discretion, a surcharge not to exceed the	266
proposed surcharge shall go into effect upon the filing of the	267
revised affected rate schedules by the company, subject to	268
refund of amounts collected that exceed those authorized by the	269
final order of the commission.	270
(2) All refunds shall include interest at the rate stated	271
in section 1343.03 of the Revised Code and shall be accomplished	272
in a manner as prescribed by the commission in its final order.	273
The commission may require an undertaking to secure the refund	274
under this division if it finds it is warranted by the financial	275
condition of the waterworks or sewage disposal system company.	276
(3) This division shall only apply to applications filed	277
by a waterworks or sewage disposal system company that has	278
annual operating revenues of two hundred fifty thousand dollars	279
or more.	280
(E) During the period that an authorized infrastructure	281
improvement surcharge is in effect, the commission, by order and	282
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on its own motion or upon good cause shown, may reduce the	203

amount of or terminate an infrastructure improvement surcharge	284
if it determines that the surcharge causes the company to earn	285
an excessive rate of return on its valuation under section	286
4909.15 of the Revised Code.	287
$\frac{(E)}{(F)}$ An order issued by the commission deciding an	288
application by a waterworks company or a sewage disposal system	289
company for an increase in rates and charges pursuant to an	290
application filed by the company under section 4909.18 of the	291
Revised Code shall provide for the termination, as of the	292
earlier of the effective date of the increase or the date	293
specified in division (F) of this section, of any infrastructure	294
improvement surcharges of the company authorized under this	295
section.	296
$\frac{(F)-(G)}{(G)}$ All surcharges authorized under this section shall	297
terminate by operation of law not later than December 31,	298
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(G) (H) The company shall provide notice of any	300
infrastructure improvement surcharge authorized under this	301
section to each affected customer with or on the customer's	302
first bill containing the surcharge.	303
$\frac{(H)}{(I)}$ The commission may adopt such rules as it	304
considers necessary to carry out this section.	305
Sec. 5301.93. (A) As used in this section:	306
(1) "PACE" means property assessed clean energy.	307
(2) "Qualifying residential real property" means a single	308
family residential dwelling, or other residential dwelling of	309
three or fewer units.	310
(3) "Residential PACE lien" means the encumbrance on the	311

qualifying residential real property created by the special	312
assessment for a residential PACE loan.	313
(4) "Residential PACE loan" means the extension of	314
financing that is offered to pay for the installation of cost	315
effective energy improvements on a homeowner's qualifying	316
residential real property and is repayable by the homeowner	317
through a special assessment under section 717.25 or Chapter	318
1710. of the Revised Code.	319
(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,	320
a residential PACE lien shall be all of the following:	321
(1) Subordinate to all liens on the qualifying residential	322
real property recorded prior to the time the residential PACE	323
lien is recorded;	324
(2) Subordinate to a first mortgage on the qualifying	325
property recorded after the residential PACE lien is recorded;	326
(3) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, superior	327
to any other lien on the qualifying residential real property	328
recorded after the residential PACE lien is recorded.	329
(C) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in the	330
event of a foreclosure sale of a qualifying residential real	331
property, the holders of any mortgages or other liens, including	332
delinquent special assessments secured by residential PACE	333
liens, shall receive proceeds in accordance with the priorities	334
established under division (B) of this section.	335
Sec. 5721.10. Except as otherwise provided under section	336
<u>5301.93 or</u> sections 5721.30 to 5721.43 of the Revised Code, the	337
state shall have the first lien on the lands and lots described	338
in the delinquent land list, for the amount of taxes,	339
assessments, interest, and penalty charged prior to the delivery	340

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of such list. If the taxes have not been paid for one year after	341
having been certified as delinquent, the state shall institute	342
foreclosure proceedings in the manner provided by section	343
323.25, sections 323.65 to 323.79, or sections 5721.01 to	344
5721.28 of the Revised Code, unless a tax certificate respecting	345
that property has been sold or assigned under section 5721.32 or	346
5721.33 of the Revised Code, or unless such taxes are the	347
subject of a valid delinquent tax contract under section 323.31	348
of the Revised Code for which the county treasurer has not made	349
certification to the county auditor that the delinquent tax	350
contract has become void. The court shall levy, as costs in the	351
foreclosure proceedings instituted on the certification of	352
delinquency, the cost of an abstract or certificate of title to	353
the property described in the certification, if it is required	354
by the court, to be paid into the general fund of the county.	355
Sections 5721.01 to 5721.28 of the Revised Code do not prevent	356
the partial payment of such delinquent taxes, assessments,	357
interest, and penalty during the period the delinquency is being	358
discharged in accordance with a delinquent tax contract under	359
section 323.31 of the Revised Code, but the partial payments may	360
be made and received as provided by law without prejudice to the	361
right of the state to institute foreclosure proceedings for any	362
amount then remaining unpaid, if the county treasurer certifies	363
to the county auditor that the delinquent tax contract has	364
become void.	365

#### Sec. 6109.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Public water system" means a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances if the system has at least fifteen service connections or regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals. "Public water system" includes any collection,

treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of	372
the operator of the system and used primarily in connection with	373
the system, any collection or pretreatment storage facilities	374
not under such control that are used primarily in connection	375
with the system, and any water supply system serving an	376
agricultural labor camp as defined in section 3733.41 of the	377
Revised Code.	378
(B) "Contaminant" means any physical, chemical,	379
biological, or radiological substance or matter in water.	380
(C) "Person" means the state, any political subdivision,	381
agency, institution, or instrumentality thereof, any federal	382
agency, and any person as defined in section 1.59 of the Revised	383
Code.	384
(D) "Safe Drinking Water Act" means the "Safe Drinking	385
Water Act," 88 Stat. 1660 (1974), 42 U.S.C. 300(f), as amended	386
by the "Safe Drinking Water Amendments of 1977," 91 Stat. 1393,	387
42 U.S.C. 300(f), the "Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of	388
1986," 100 Stat. 642, 42 U.S.C. 300(f), and the "Safe Drinking	389
Water Act Amendments of 1996," 110 Stat. 1613, 42 U.S.C. 300(f),	390
and regulations adopted under those acts.	391
(E) "Community water system" means a public water system	392
that has at least fifteen service connections used by year-round	393
residents or that regularly serves at least twenty-five year-	394
round residents.	395
(F) "Small system" means a public water system serving a	396
population of ten thousand or fewer individuals.	397
(G) "Technical assistance" means nonfinancial assistance	398
provided by the state to public water systems and other eligible	399

applicants, including, without limitation, assistance for

noncommunity water system.

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planning and design, development, and implementation of source	401
water quality protection programs; locating alternative supplies	402
of drinking water; operational training; restructuring or	403
consolidation of small systems; providing treatment information	404
in order to assist compliance with a national primary drinking	405
water standard; and other nonfinancial assistance authorized by	406
the requirements governing the funds established under this	407
chapter.	408
(H) "Disadvantaged community" means the service area or	409
portion of a service area of a public water system that meets	410
affordability and other criteria established by the director of	411
environmental protection in rules adopted under division (M) of	412
section 6109.22 of the Revised Code and may include the service	413
area or portion of a service area of a public water system	414
located in a distressed area as defined in section 122.19 of the	415
Revised Code.	416
(I) "Director of environmental protection" or "director"	417
includes an authorized representative of the director.	418
(J) "Federal Water Pollution Control Act" has the same	419
meaning as in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code.	420
(K) "Nontransient noncommunity water system" means a	421
public water system that regularly serves at least twenty-five	422
of the same persons over six months per year and is not a	423
community water system.	424
(L) "Transient noncommunity water system" means a	425
noncommunity public water system that does not regularly serve	426
at least twenty-five of the same persons over six months per	427
year and is not a community water system or a nontransient	428

Sec. 6109.072. (A) No person shall install a public water	430
system well without an approved well siting application issued	431
by the director of environmental protection in accordance with	432
this chapter and any rules adopted under it.	433
(B) In addition to meeting the siting requirements	434
established under section 6109.04 of the Revised Code and the	435
rules adopted under it, a person that submits a well siting	436
application for a public water system well shall include all of	437
the following in the application:	438
(1) For a new public water system or an existing public	439
water system that proposes an increase in the withdrawal of	440
waters of the state, an evaluation of alternatives for the	441
provision of drinking water, including the potential for tie-in	442
to a regional water system;	443
(2) For a new public water system or an existing public	444
water system that proposes an increase in the withdrawal of	445
waters of the state, asset management program information in	446
accordance with section 6109.24 of the Revised Code and the	447
rules adopted under it;	448
(3) For an existing public water system, a description of	449
the asset management program impacts of installing the well,	450
including impacts to any existing asset management program and	451
the potential for tie-in to a regional water system;	452
(4) For a public water system well that has the capacity	453
to withdraw waters of the state in an amount requiring	454
registration pursuant to section 1521.16 of the Revised Code, a	455
general plan, subject to approval of the director, that includes	456
both of the following:	457

(a) The information required to be submitted under section

6109.07 of the Revised Code and the rules adopted under it;	459
(b) Verification of registration pursuant to section	460
1521.16 of the Revised Code.	461
(5) For a public water system well that has new or	462
increased capacities for withdrawal or consumptive use that	463
require a permit issued under either section 1521.29 or 1522.12	464
of the Revised Code, a permit approved by the chief of the	465
division of water resources in the department of natural	466
resources pursuant to section 1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised	467
Code.	468
(C) Divisions (B)(2) and (3) of this section do not apply	469
to a transient noncommunity water system.	470
(D) If the director approves a well siting application for	471
an applicant that meets the requirements of division (B)(5) of	472
this section, the applicant then shall submit to the director a	473
copy of any certification, continuing monitoring, or other data	474
or reports required by the chief of the division of water	475
resources pursuant to a permit issued under either section	476
1521.29 or 1522.12 of the Revised Code and any revised ground	477
water model required by the chief.	478
$\frac{(D)}{(E)}$ The director may require the well site applicant	479
to include, in the application, additional information,	480
including but not limited to hydrologic information, in a form	481
prescribed by the director for any public water system that is	482
not required to obtain a permit under either section 1521.23 or	483
1522.12 of the Revised Code.	484
$\frac{(E)}{(F)}$ The director may adopt rules in accordance with	485
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code as is necessary for the	486
implementation of this section.	487

Sec. 6109.24. (A) The director of environmental protection	488
shall adopt, and may amend and rescind, rules pursuant to	489
section 6109.04 of the Revised Code establishing requirements	490
governing the demonstration of technical, managerial, and	491
financial capability for the purposes of this section.	492
(B)(1) A public water system shall demonstrate the	493
technical, managerial, and financial capability of the system to	494
comply with this chapter and rules adopted under it by	495
implementing an asset management program not later than October	496
1, 2018.	497
(2) Notwithstanding division (B)(1) of this section, the	498
director may require a public water system to complete an asset	499
management program prior to October 1, 2018.	500
(3) A public water system shall include in the asset	501
management program all of the following:	502
(a) An inventory and evaluation of all public water system	503
assets;	504
(b) Public water system operation and maintenance	505
programs;	506
(c) A public water system emergency preparedness and	507
contingency planning program;	508
(d) Criteria and timelines for public water system	509
infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement;	510
(e) Approved public water system capacity projections and	511
<pre>public water system capital improvement planning;</pre>	512
(f) A long-term funding strategy to support the public	513
water system's asset management program implementation.	514

(C) If requested by the director, a public water system	515
shall submit a written description of the system's asset	516
management program to the director. The system shall submit the	517
written description not later than thirty days after the date of	518
the request. A small public water system may meet the written	519
description requirement by doing both of the following:	520
(1) Submitting the template made available by the director	521
under division (F)(1) of this section;	522
(2) Including with the completed template a statement that	523
the activities described in the template are being implemented.	524
(D) If a public water system fails to submit an acceptable	525
written description of the system's asset management program or	526
otherwise fails to demonstrate technical, managerial, and	527
financial capability in accordance with this section and rules	528
adopted under it, the director may request the owner or operator	529
of the system to revise and resubmit the written description.	530
Environmental protection agency staff may provide technical	531
guidance to a public water system in preparing the asset	532
management program or while addressing deficiencies noted in the	533
asset management program.	534
(E) If a public water system fails to demonstrate	535
technical, managerial, and financial capability in accordance	536
with this section and rules adopted under it, the director may	537
take any action authorized by this chapter or rules adopted	538
under it to improve and ensure the capability of the public	539
water system, including denying a plan submitted under section	540
6109.07 of the Revised Code.	541
(F) The director shall make available both of the	542

following either on the environmental protection agency's web

site or via another public forum:	544
(1) A template for small public water systems to prepare	545
an asset management program;	546
(2) Information about sources of funding available to	547
assist public water systems with preparing and completing an	548
asset management program.	549
(G)(1) The director shall not adopt or enforce rules that	550
require a transient noncommunity water system to prepare,	551
implement, or complete an asset management program, including a	552
demonstration of technical, managerial, and financial	553
capability.	554
(2) Divisions (B) to (E) of this section do not apply to a	555
transient noncommunity water system.	556
Section 2. That existing sections 3734.123, 4909.172,	557
5721.10, 6109.01, 6109.072, and 6109.24 of the Revised Code are	558
hereby repealed.	559

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