Media Advisory

Portland Water Bureau

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**Savings for decades to come. Learn how WIFIA, a federal water infrastructure loan, is shaping Portland’s future and saving ratepayers millions**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Portland Water Bureau invite you to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) virtual award event. Hear about big steps the Water Bureau is taking to finance necessary improvements to our water system. Distinguished speakers will share the significance of this award to the Water Bureau and everyone in our community who relies on clean, safe, and reliable drinking water today and for future generations.

Learn more about the Bull Run Treatment Projects at:

[portland.gov/About\_BullRun\_Treatment](https://www.portland.gov/water/bullruntreatment/about-bull-run-treatment-projects)

Learn more about WIFIA at: [epa.gov/wifia](http://epa.gov/wifia)

Message from Sen. Jeff Merkley: <https://youtu.be/RYlweAoCZ-g>

**Bull Run Treatment Projects WIFIA Loan Award Recognition**

10 - 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021

Media is invited to ask questions following the event.

Speakers: EPA Administrator Acting Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of Water Radhika Fox; and Portland Water Bureau Director Gabriel Solmer

Recorded messages from: Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler; Portland Water Commissioner Mingus Mapps; former Portland Water Commissioner Amanda Fritz

**Registration is required.**

Media-only registration (not for publication): <https://cityofportland.brand.live/c/bull-run-project-media>

Public registration: <https://cityofportland.brand.live/c/bull-run-project>

### About the Portland Water Bureau

The Portland Water Bureau serves water to almost a million people in the Portland area. Portland’s water system includes two great water sources, 53 tanks and reservoirs, and 2,200 miles of pipes. With 600 employees working on everything from water treatment to customer service, the Water Bureau is committed to serving excellent water every minute of every day.