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Project No. and Title: Kopperston PSD Water Project, Wyoming County, West Virginia - WV-11639-94-I-214-0610

Grantee: Wyoming County Commission

Funding:

ARC: \$ 400,000

Federal: 1,300,000

Non-Federal:

State:

Local: 570,000

Total: \$2,270,000

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The Kopperston Public Service District has had chronic water supply problems for years. There is no suitable dependable source for raw water in the Kopperston area that can be developed for the District's use.

This project involves accessing an adequate, dependable supply of potable water to solve the chronic supply problems that have plagued the Kopperston Public Service District. Since no other more dependable or adequate supply of raw water exists in the Kopperston area, the project engineer, Woolpert, has determined that connection of the Kopperston system to the Town of Oceana's water system is the most cost effective alternative to provide for adequate water.

In addition to the ARC funds the Economic Development Administration will provide a \$1,300,000 grant and the West Virginia Water Development Authority will make a loan of \$570,000 for a total project cost of \$2,270,000.

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