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**MassDEP's Official Answers to Questions
Regarding the
Ipswich River Basin Water Supply and PFAS Grant Opportunity
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On December 6, 2024, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) posted a grant Request for Responses (RFR) for the Ipswich River Basin Water Supply and PFAS Grant. In accordance with the deadlines set forth in the RFR's grant procurement calendar, MassDEP accepted written questions via email through a deadline of December 16, 2024. No questions were submitted before the deadline. However, the following question was submitted on December 20, 2024, and MassDEP is providing the following response.

Q1. Our system has struggled with Unaccounted for Water (UAW) the past few years and we are testing a new ultrasonic meter...will purchasing and taking delivery of the meters be sufficient or would they also have to be installed? The short implementation timeline makes installation nearly impossible.

A1. While reducing UAW is an important tool to help systems become more efficient, UAW reductions alone may not result in more water for distribution in the system. The focus of this grant is to: (a) reduce demand on the Ipswich River Basin, particularly on sources impacted by PFAS, and/or (b) provide a connection to more sustainable water supply source(s). Therefore, this application would likely score lower than other applications that focused on these two criteria. However, the purchase of capital equipment is a fundable activity in the Ipswich River Basin Water Supply and PFAS Grant.