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Dear Surface Water Grant Recipient,

We understand that many of you have questions and concerns as to how the current pandemic and the Governor Ever's "Safer at Home" Order will impact grant activities as we approach the field season. The Surface Water Grant staff including your biologists and environmental grants staff are available to answer your questions. We encourage you to communicate via email as staff are working remotely.

During these unprecedented times, our grant program recognizes the need for flexibility. Please work in close collaboration with your biologists and environmental grant specialists to determine the best course of action. People nationwide are innovating new ways to accomplish their goals and objectives while staying at home and maintaining a safe social distance. For example, many meetings and educational efforts are making use of virtual platforms. We encourage you to identify new opportunities to conduct your important work provided it is safe to do so.

Please discuss any potential project changes with [biologists and environmental grant specialists](#) PRIOR to incurring costs not included within your project application scope and budget. CBCW inquiries may be sent directly to [Alex Delvoye](#). You must have approval prior to veering in a new direction; some changes may require a grant amendment. As we are anticipating a high number of inquiries, I do ask that you please consider whether or not your questions can wait until the end of the Order when we hope to have more information. In the meantime, please continue to follow the Governor's Order and stay safe.

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