

### **Talking Points for City of Jackson Mississippi with Federal EPA**

1. Jackson needs hands on Technical Assistance and emergency funding to deal with antiquated equipment and electrical issues at both the Curtis and Fewell plants
2. The rainy season approaches and any short term fixes may not stand the test of the system if the rivers overflow again
3. The power stations are very distressed and have to be manually maintained, this needs major attention now
4. The noise about the state wanting to loan Jackson money is just noise. We have over 50% of our customers either unable or unwilling to pay their water bills. Jackson already has \$60 Million in loans it cannot afford the state's terms. Those loans need to be restructured with built in forgiveness and disaster relief interest rates.
5. The State has declared an emergency, not a disaster, and therefore has limited our relief funding and its own liability
6. We need a new look at possible funding. We need to be eligible for grant funding in the model of the Flint Michigan model.
7. We need to relook at how the SRF (State Revolving Fund) program can best help us. We need one of the best from EPA on this.
8. The city of Jackson will hire a recovery chief, a unified command supervisor, to focus on this effort and ensure the collaboration of all the required parties. This person will have the responsibility and authority to get the job done
9. After our emergency is resolved we must look ahead to the repair and modernization of the entire system. It will be very expensive and must have substantial federal aid.