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National Taxpayers Union urges public to save taxpayer dollars by switching to plastic!

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U.S. MAYORS PROCLAIM BENEFITS OF REBUILDING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WITH PLASTIC PIPE

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) each published reports this spring calling for open procurement practices and the inclusion of alternative, modern, and innovative materials like PVC pipe.

JM Eagle actively advocates for open and fair procurement practices with elected officials at the city, state, and national level. Open and fair procurement practices eliminate the biased pre-selection of ductile iron pipe and create a level playing field where decision makers can compare materials and discover the cost saving benefits of PVC pipe.

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The USCM's report, "Municipal Procurement: Procurement Process Improvements Yield Cost-Effective Public Benefits" examines the conventional approach municipalities throughout the country take when it comes to pipeline maintenance—replacing the failed material with more of the same. The USCM report asserts a 30–70% cost savings when failed iron pipe is replaced with corrosion resistant plastic pipe. To take advantage of the potential cost savings USCM encourages Mayors to play a proactive role to reduce capital and operation and maintenance costs by updating their city's procurement process. The report also cites several cities that have made the decision to end wasteful spending (Schenectady, NY; Indianapolis, IN; Pleasanton, CA).

The NTU's report, "Reforming Our Nation's Approach to the Infrastructure Crisis: How Competition, Oversight, and Innovation Can Lower Water and Sewer Rates in the U.S.", provides citizens with an

alternative to incurring higher utility rates and local government debt when replacing water and wastewater lines. The NTU report emphasizes the positive effects of procurement reform, open competition, and innovation; projecting significant reduced costs to utilities and ratepayers.

"JM Eagle has worked tirelessly to share the benefits of PVC pipe with customers and key government decision makers," said Neal Gordon, JM Eagle Vice President of Marketing and Waterworks Sales.

"Reports like those of the USCM and NTU demonstrate a great support of our efforts."

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official non-partisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. The National Taxpayers Union is an independent, non-partisan advocate for overburdened taxpayers.

Click below to read the full reports.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors

<http://www.usmayors.org/publications/media/2013/0422-waterprocurementWP.pdf>

The National Taxpayers Union

<http://www.ntu.org/news-and-issues/i13-04-30-water-infrastructure-paper.html>