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## **SENATOR ALLARD ASKS EPA TO WORK WITH ALAMOSA ON CLEAN WATER COMPLIANCE SENATOR ASKS EPA TO ASSIST IN SECURING FUNDING**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a letter sent Tuesday to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael Leavitt, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) urged the EPA to assist the City of Alamosa in complying with new clean water standards.

“In response to Alamosa’s request to assist its efforts to comply, I have asked the EPA to work directly with the city to find sources of funding for a new water system, or delay implementation of the new standards,” Senator Allard said. “These new standards constitute an unfunded federal arsenic mandate that could force the city into a serious financial crisis.”

The EPA recently lowered its acceptable contaminant levels for arsenic, and has set a deadline for compliance of January 2006. The levels of arsenic in Alamosa’s water are naturally occurring.

“The City of Alamosa, like many other small communities in Colorado, is struggling to comply with escalating, unfunded federal water quality mandates,” Senator Allard said. “I’m optimistic that with the EPA’s help, Alamosa can find funding for the new water system that has been required.”

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