FINDINGS FROM THE RCAP NETWORK NATIONAL COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural and Tribal Water and Wastewater Systems

VERMONT

20% of all VT respondents cannot sustain losses for more than six months of current financial conditions

FINANCIAL VIABILITY
How long respondents can continue to pay for all system expenses under the current financial circumstances due to COVID-19:

N/A: Already could not cover all costs
Less than 2 months
2 to 6 months
7 to 12 months
More than a year
Don’t know/ too early to tell
Don’t want to answer

1 small system of 4 indicated they experienced a decrease in revenues, comparing April 2019 to April 2020. 2 respondents experienced no change. (n = 4)

$1,800
small system respondent median monthly revenue decrease (n = 1)

Challenges faced because of financial conditions:
• Paying for chemicals
• Maintaining their system
• Complying with state and/or federal regulations

About the survey: In early May, the RCAP Network surveyed communities to understand the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on rural and tribal water and wastewater systems. Results are from systems the RCAP Network serves and are not representative of all small systems. These results, however, provide an important snapshot of rural and tribal experiences so policymakers can make informed decisions on how to address these issues during COVID-19 recovery.