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Kayenta wastewater plant gets \$14M

PHOENIX – USDA Rural Development Arizona State Director Jack Smith on Monday announced that \$14 million is being invested to modernize wastewater infrastructure in Kayenta, according to a USDA news release.

The grant is to Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to improve the Kayenta Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant, built in 1964, has been upgraded over the years, but these new improvements are necessary for the plant to comply with the current Environmental Protection Agency wastewater regulations.

USDA is making the investment through the Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias program, which provides low-income communities access to safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services. Smith said, “We are excited to be a part of the wastewater management facility enhancements that will improve public health in Navajo, Apache and Coconino counties.”