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Vehicles supporting water and wastewater operations are essential for protecting public health, safety, and environmental compliance, particularly during emergencies such as system failures, flooding, and contamination events. These vehicles must be highly reliable, rapidly deployable, and capable of extended, uninterrupted operation.

Current zero-emission technologies do not yet consistently meet the range, payload, or refueling demands required for emergency response. Applying the Advanced Clean Fleets mandate risks reduced readiness, slower response times, and potential service disruptions.

As with existing exemptions for snow removal vehicles, emergency response vehicles used for water, wastewater, and flood protection should be excluded until zero-emission technology can fully support these critical functions.