

Source Protection Plans

Source Protection Plans are an important part of the multi-barrier approach to managing and protection public water supply sources. A Source Protection Plan identifies the potential sources of contamination in a specific area (a Source Protection Area), assesses the risk of these potential sources of contamination, describes how to manage the risk from the potential sources of contamination and discusses how to handle emergencies.

In order to provide for better public health protection every Public Community Water System, like municipalities and mobile home parks, and Non-transient, Non-community Public Water Systems, like schools and factories, who each have their own source of water, are required to have a Source Protection Plan.

The Source Water Assessment Program, a federal requirement designed to identify the potential sources of contamination and associated risks to public water systems. Public water systems meet the requirements of the Source Water Assessment Program by completing a Source Protection Plan. Transient, Non-community water systems have source water assessments performed for them by the Water Supply Division. This assessment is less in-depth than a source protection plan, but accomplishes similar goals; identifying PSOCs, rating their risks and providing the water system with information to mitigate those risks.

We encourage you to contact your water system directly to review the plan. You can also call to request a copy of the plan from the Water Supply Division or set up an appointment to review the Source Protection Plan.

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