

Eligible waterworks may receive this assistance in developing and implementing a Source Water Protection Program. The principal purpose of such assistance is to aid you in understanding the issue of Source Water Protection and to assist you in developing and implementing a program if you desire.

Your water source may be vulnerable to contamination from sources outside of your control. The Source Water Protection Program is an excellent opportunity for you to evaluate the situation at your waterworks.

The VRWA Source Water Technicians are available to assist you with this program at any time.



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What Does a SWP Plan Have to Offer Your System?

Introduction

The 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) makes provisions for funding technical assistance to small, community waterworks in developing and implementing a Source Water Protection Program.

VRWA's Source Water Plan offers a comprehensive look at the watershed and what factors affect it. It also offers public education tools and a quality plan for guidance in the event of a water emergency.

What does your system have to do to implement a plan?

Surprisingly very little, the only requirements on the system is to show the area they want to include in the plan. This can be done either on a map or in the field and to also complete a contingency plan template provided by VRWA Source Water Specialists.

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Reasons to Develop a Source Water Protection Program

- * **To protect public health.**
Protecting your water supply keeps people from getting sick.
- * **To avoid expensive clean-up costs.**
It costs more to clean-up contamination than it does to prevent it in the first place. Installing treatment facilities, locating new water sources, or remediation of contamination are costly alternatives.
- * **To reduce your potential liability.**
- * **To protect drinking water sources for future generations.**
Water is not a renewable resource.
- * **Peace of Mind**
In the event of contamination, knowing that there is a plan on-hand to assist and to provide safe drinking water to your customers.

6-Step Process for Source Water Protection

- * Form a Community Planning Team
- * Delineate the Source Water Protection Area
- * Inventory of Source of Potential Contamination
- * Manage the Source Water Protection Area
- * Plan for the Future
- * Update annually



Goal of Source Water Protection

The goal of this project is to assist systems with their drinking water sources to reduce or eliminate the potential threat of their drinking water supplies through the development of a Source Water Protection Program.