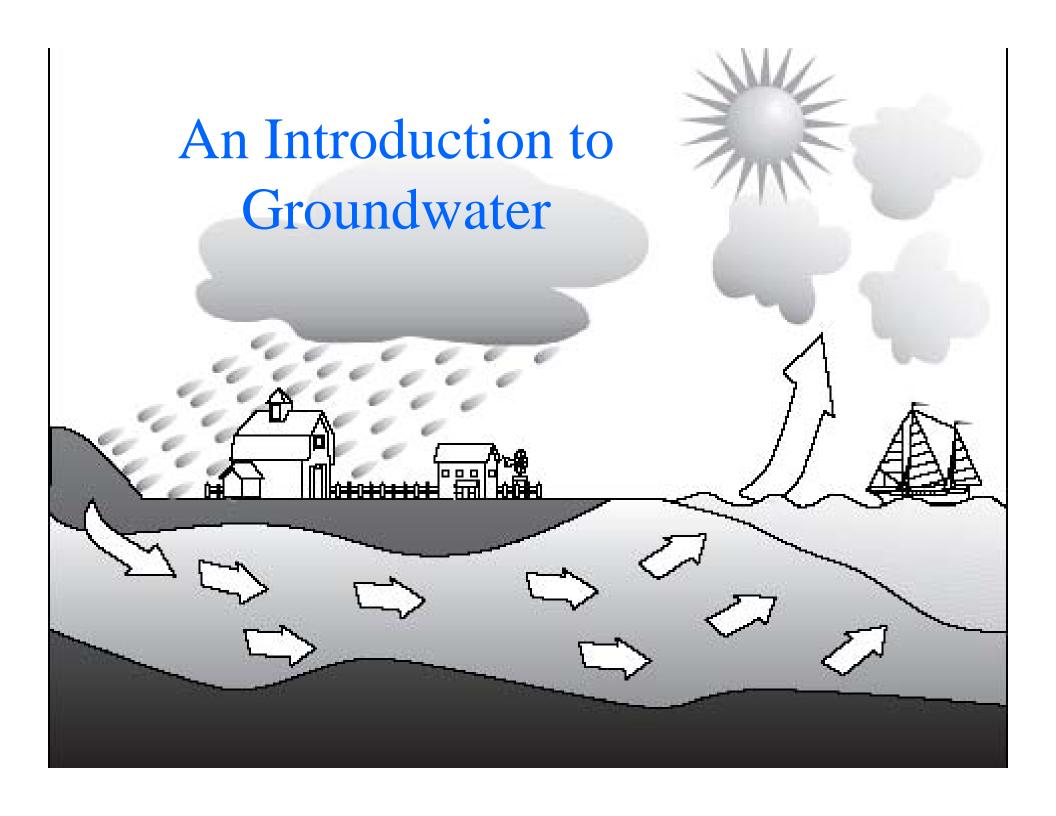
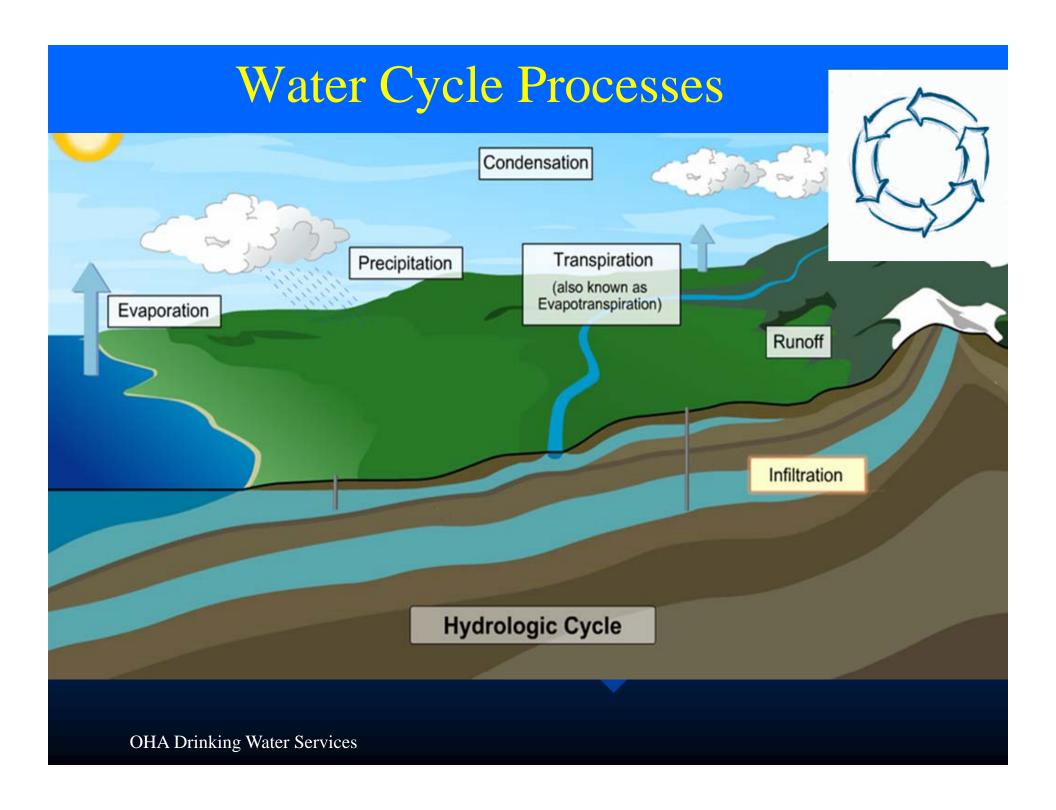
Groundwater Basics and Source Water Protection

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Regional Geologist – OHA DWP

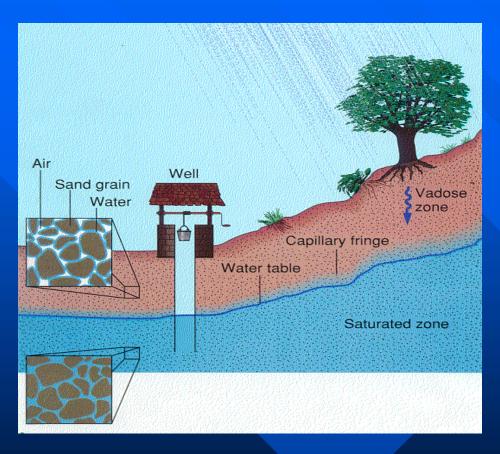
Outline

- What is groundwater; how does it work?
- Well Construction
- Source Water Assessments
- Source Water Protection
- GWUDI & GWR Tie-ins
- Hands-on Exercise



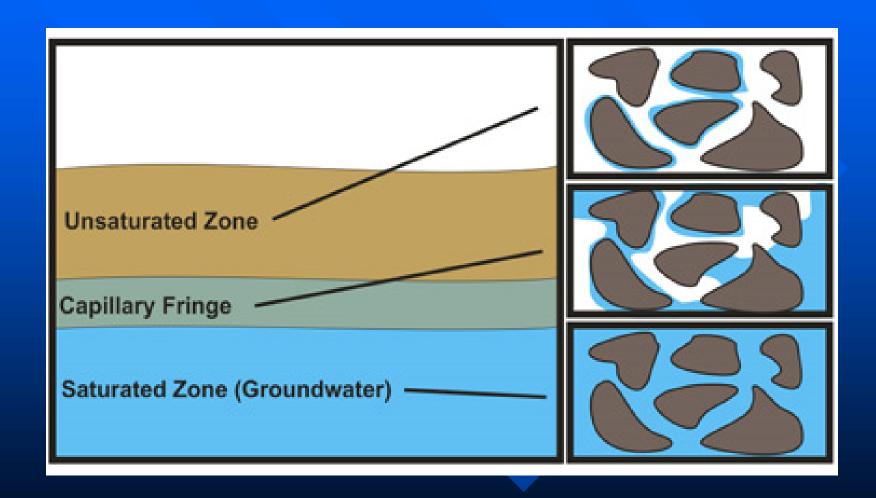


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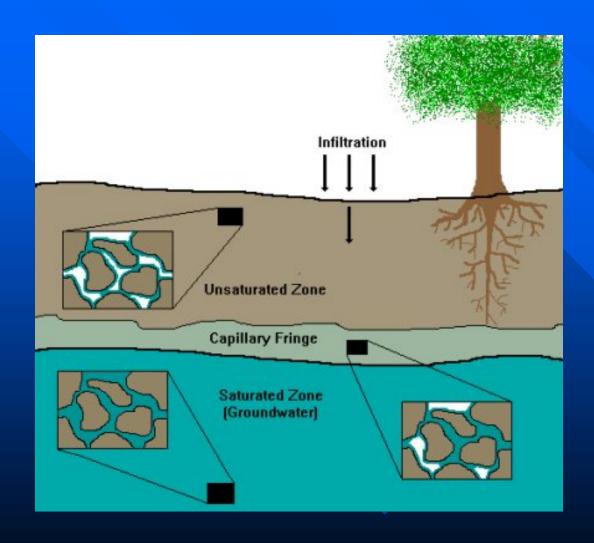


- Groundwater originates from precipitation sinking into the ground from the surface to the water table.
- Groundwater occurs in the open spaces between silt, sand, and gravel particles or in natural fractures with the bedrock.
 OHA Drinking Water Services

Origin of Groundwater

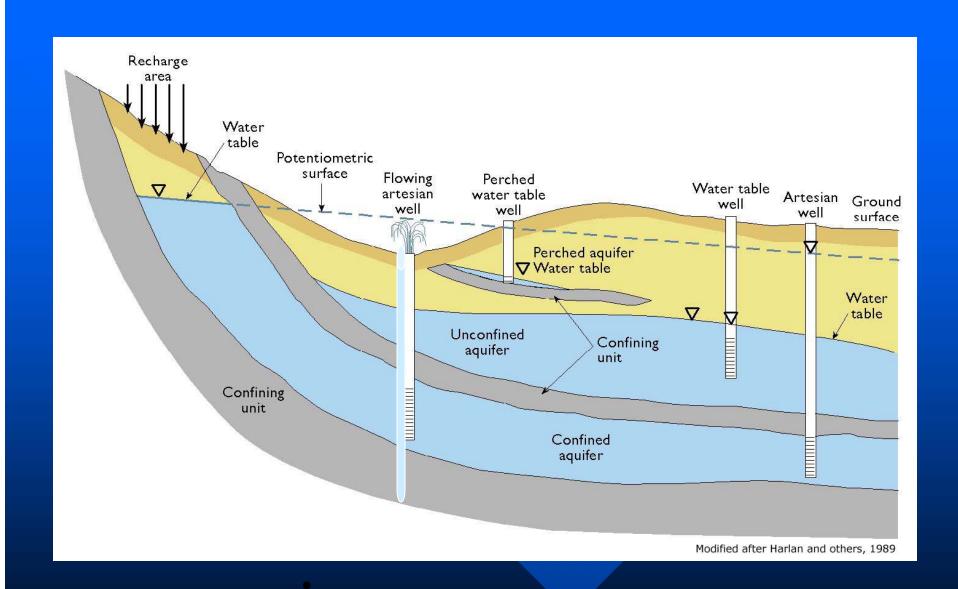


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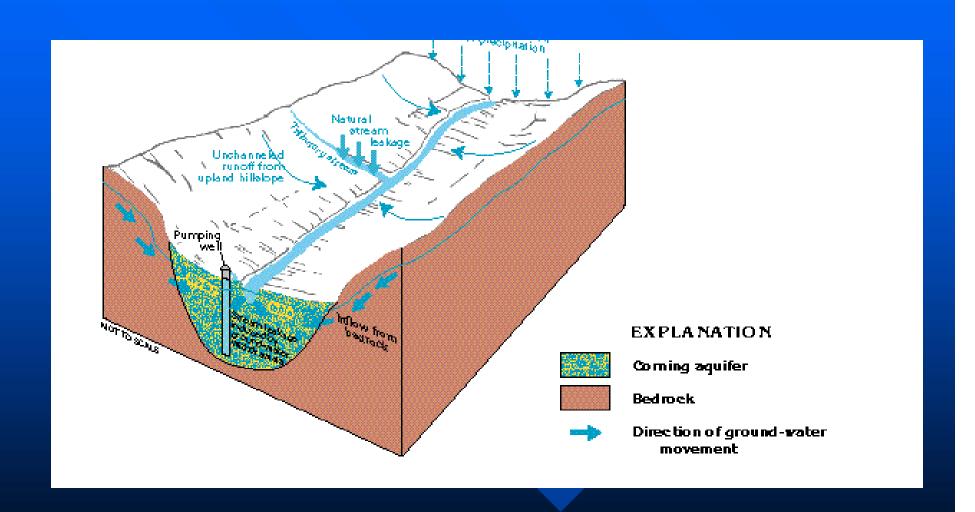


Aquifers

- Once water reaches the saturated zone it is called groundwater.
- If the geologic material of this saturated zone is permeable and can yield water to a well in sufficient quantity to supply user needs, it is referred to as an aquifer.
- Aquifers can be either unconfined or confined.

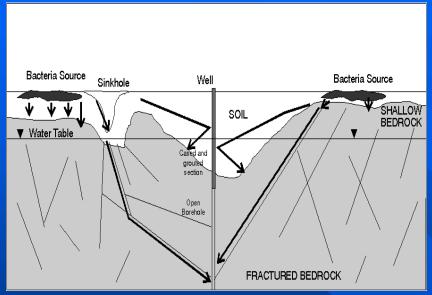


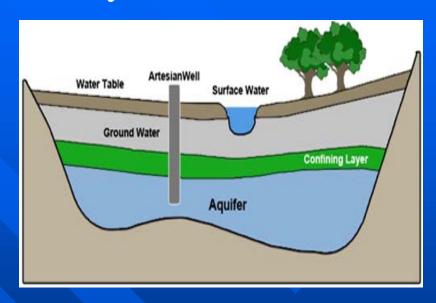
Alluvial Aquifer: Valley Fill



Bedrock Aquifers

Fractured BedrockLayered Volcanics

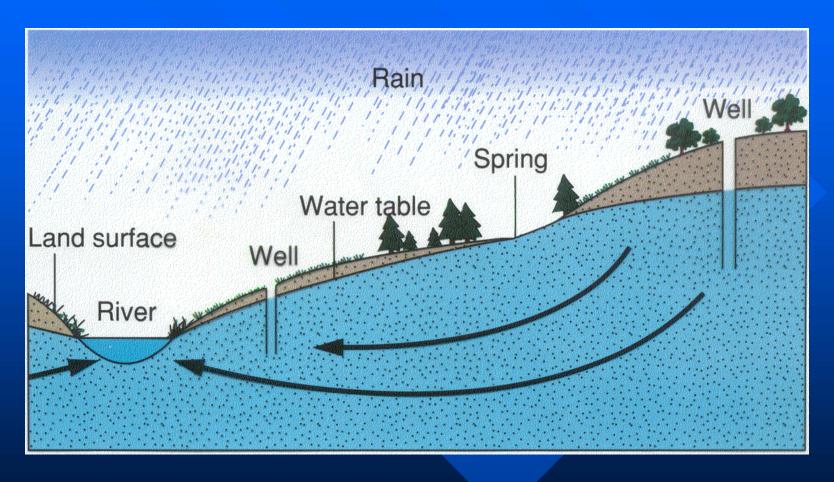








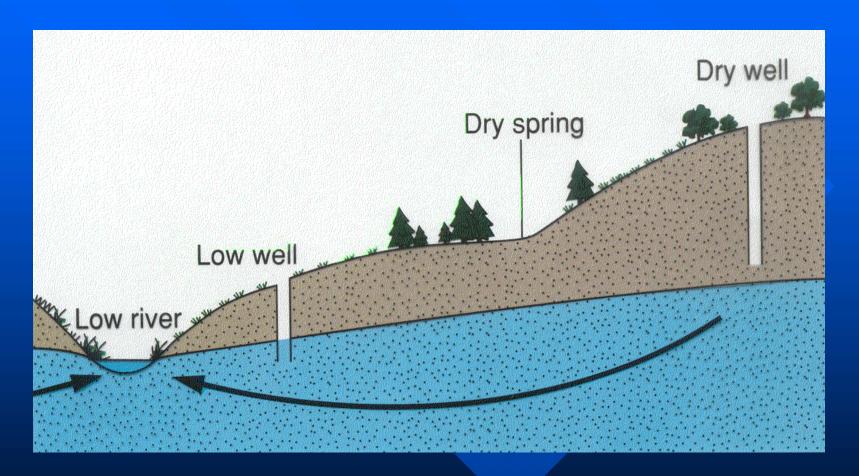
Groundwater Movement: Winter



- Groundwater moves from areas of high elevation to areas of low elevation.
- How easily water travels underground is a function of the type of material that it is moving through.
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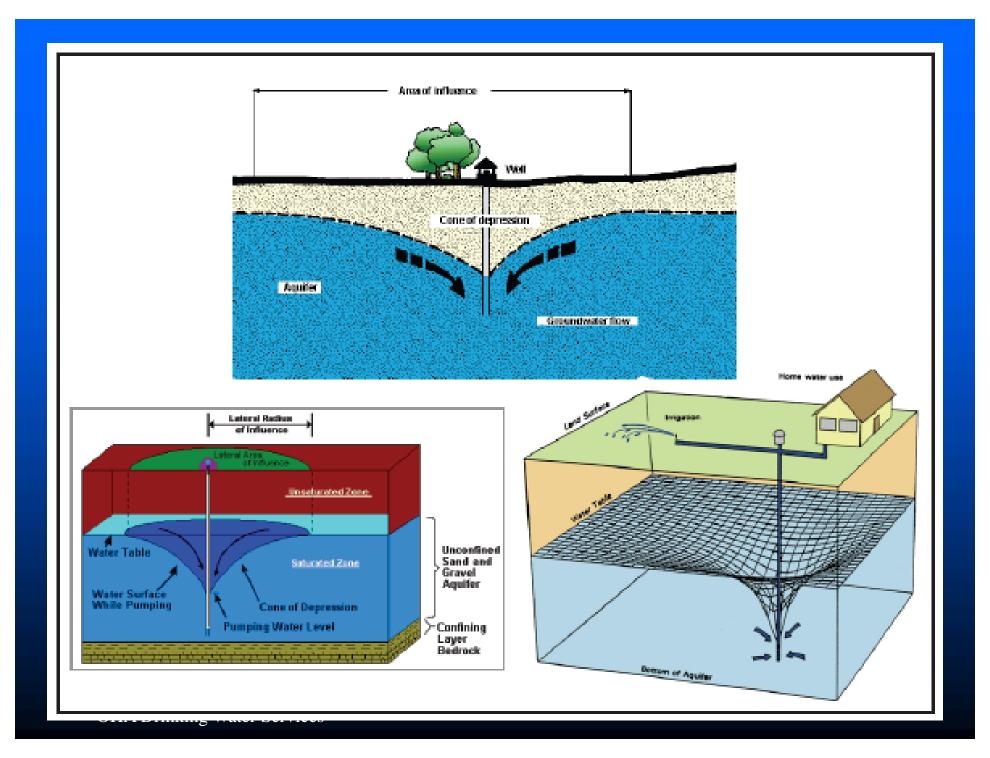
- Permeability: gravel > sand> clay

Groundwater Movement: Summer

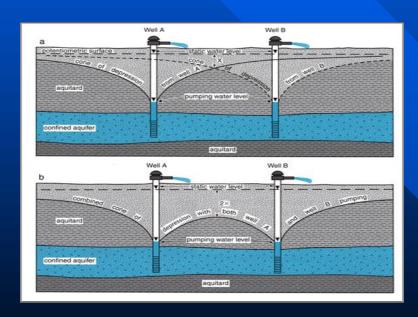


Groundwater fall during the drier summer months.

- Additionally, the greater number of pumping of wells in the summer impacts groundwater OHA Drinking Water Services



Interfering Wells



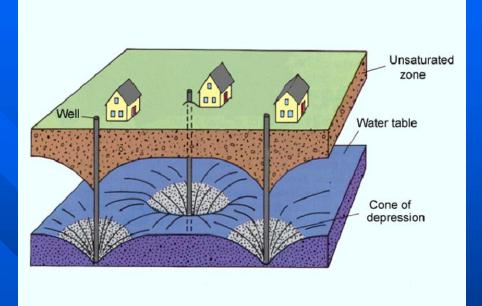
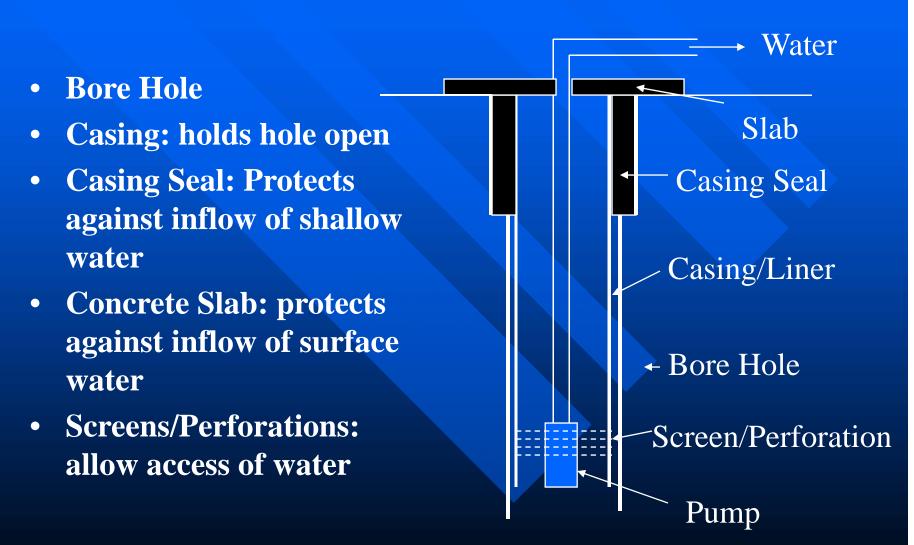


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Well Construction: Components

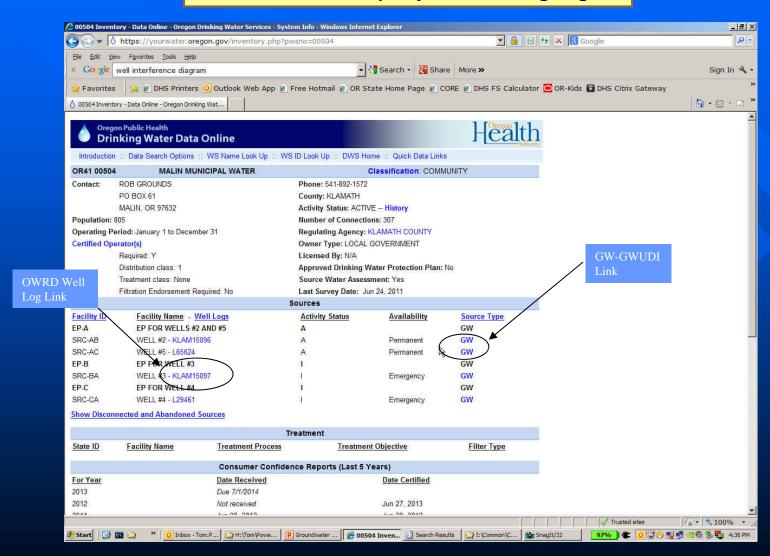


Well Construction

- If not constructed properly, wells can provide access to the aquifer of contaminants from the surface or near surface.
- The Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD) regulates the construction of water wells. WRD recognizes that DWP may have additional rules for public water systems.
- When a new well is proposed during plan review, the DWP evaluates well reports from the local area in order to make recommendations regarding well construction characteristics like placement of casing seals.

Well Log Data

OHA Data Online: https://yourwater.oregon.gov



Groundwater/GWUDI Source Detail Page

SRC-AB: WELL #4

GW, Active, Permanent ---- Operating Period: Jan 1 - Dec 31
Disinfection: HYPOCHLORINATION, PRE; RESID, MAINT, HYPOCHLORINATION

Sensitivity Analysis Data

Aquifer sensitivity:	High
Construction adequate?:	No - Seal Not Constructed Properly
E. coli sources within 2-year time-of-travel:	Yes

Surface water within 500 feet: No
Surface water type: Unknown
Data last updated: 02/13/2008

Monthly Assessment Monitoring Data

Monthly Assessment Monitoring Required? Completed

Monthly Schedule (Closed): 1 sample(s) per month to be taken beginning 01/01/2010 - 12/31/2010

	Jan	Mar	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
# Samples	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	10
TC+	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
E. coli+	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0

Outcome/Determination: Low Risk

No historic GWUDI data were found.

Back to top

SRC-AF: WELL #9

GW, Active, Permanent ---- Operating Period: Jan 1 - Dec 31 Disinfection: HYPOCHLORINATION, PRE; RESID. MAINT. HYPOCHLORINATION

Sensitivity Analysis Data

Aquifer sensitivity:	Moderate	S	urface water within 500 feet:	No
Construction adequate?:	Yes	S	urface water type:	Unknown
E. coli sources within 2-year time-of-travel:	Yes	D	ata last updated:	02/13/2008

Monthly Assessment Monitoring Data

Monthly Assessment Monitoring Required? No No monthly assessment monitoring schedule found. No historic GWUDI data were found.

Source Water Assessments

1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act

Drinking Water Protection Process for Public Water Systems (PWS)

OHA and DEQ contact PWS;

GPS intake or well and request PWS assistance

phase

Water

Source

DELINEATION of the source area or "Drinking Water Source Area"

INVENTORY for "Potential Sources of Contamination" per guidance

Determine **SUSCEPTIBILITY** to contamination

SOURCE WATER
ASSESSMENT REPORT
Sent to PWS

Activate community citizens, gather input, select a few strategies for protecting the source area

OPTIONAL: Consider writing a Drinking Water Protection Plan and gaining certification from DEQ

IMPLEMENT the strategies to prevent contamination

OHA Drinking Water Services

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT REPORT

Summary of Analysis

Water System Name City, Oregon County PWS #41XXXXX

Date

Prepared By

Oregon Department of Human Services Health Services Drinking Water Program

And

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division Drinking Water Protection





Value of Planning and Protection

- Protecting the current resource
 - Water quality Multiple barrier approach
 - Sustainable supply for the future: Resource Adequacy
- Preserving public trust
- Protecting investment
- Protecting economic value: Property values
- Community Viability: Attracting new residents and businesses
- Avoiding costly treatment, M&O
- New regulations, emerging contaminants of concern

"Price Tag" of Contamination

- Lakewood Utilities in Marion County: population ~350
- February 1991: TCA, 1,1-DCE MCL violation
- Initial Direct Costs covered by DEQ:
 - Water and soil analysis: \$120,000
 - Contractor field work: \$300,000
 - Treatment System: \$150,000
 - Total Initial Direct costs = ~\$1600/person
- Other Costs
 - Bottled Water: \$300-500/household/year
 - O & M of treatment unit: \$20/month/household

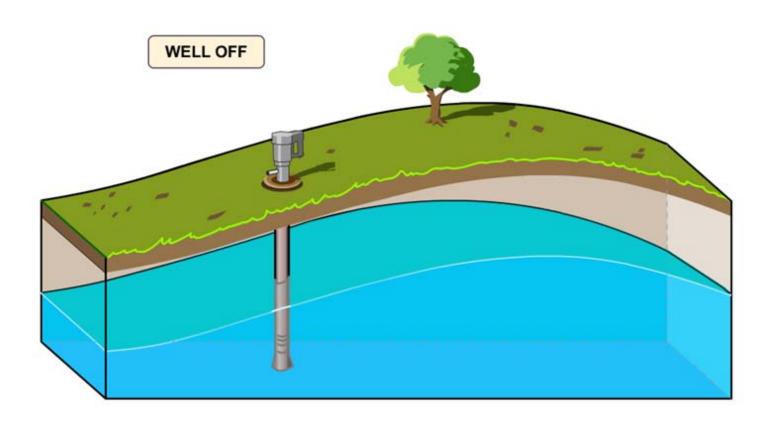
"Price Tag" of Contamination

- Indirect costs
 - Fear of unknown chemicals
 - Loss of trust in water system
 - Frustration in lengthy process
 - Noise/Appearance of treatment tower
 - Change in water qualilty
 - Negative press
 - Decrease in property values
- Some residents still use individual home treatment device in spite of successful system treatment unit
- "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"

Source Water Assessments completed for all public water systems

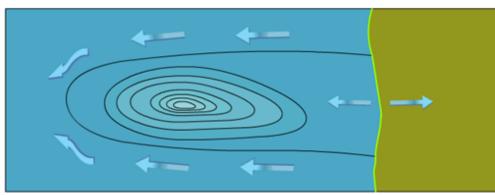
- Groundwater: 948 systems statewide
- Surface Water: 154 systems statewide
- Each assessment unique to individual water system

Capture Zone



Capture Zone





Procedures for Delineation: Groundwater

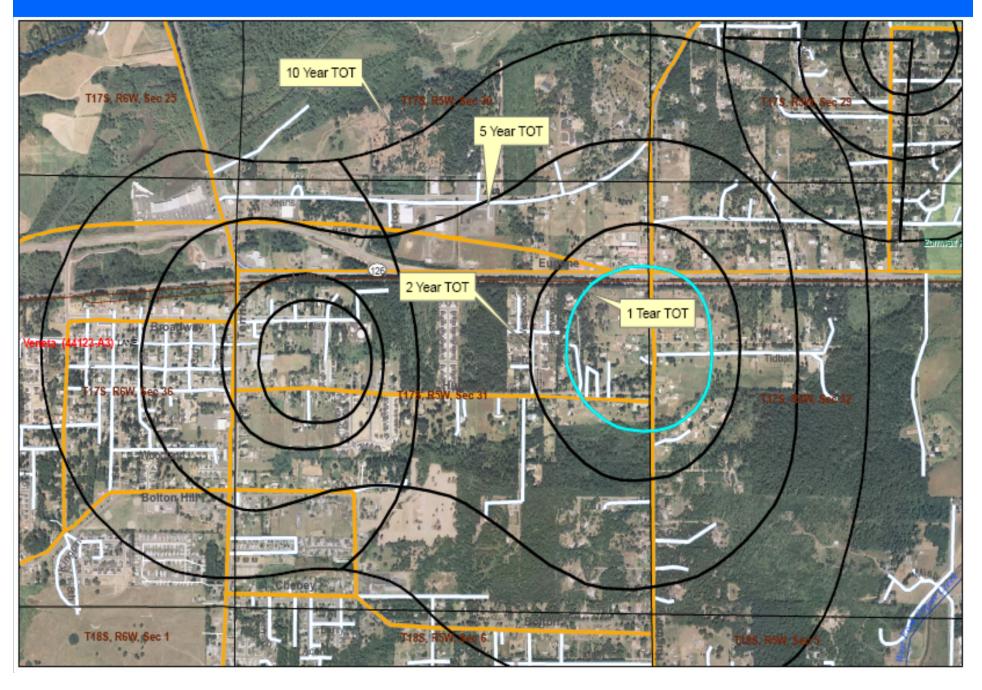
 Identify that part of the aquifer that supplies water to the well or spring

Site-specific parameters

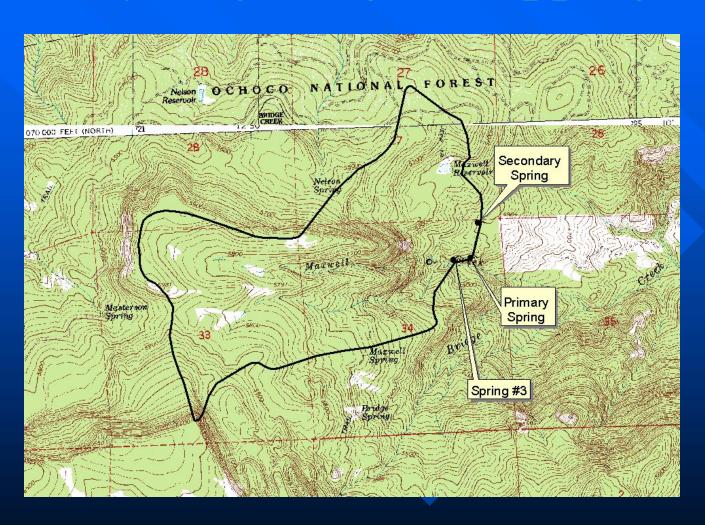
Radius a function of time

Project to the surface

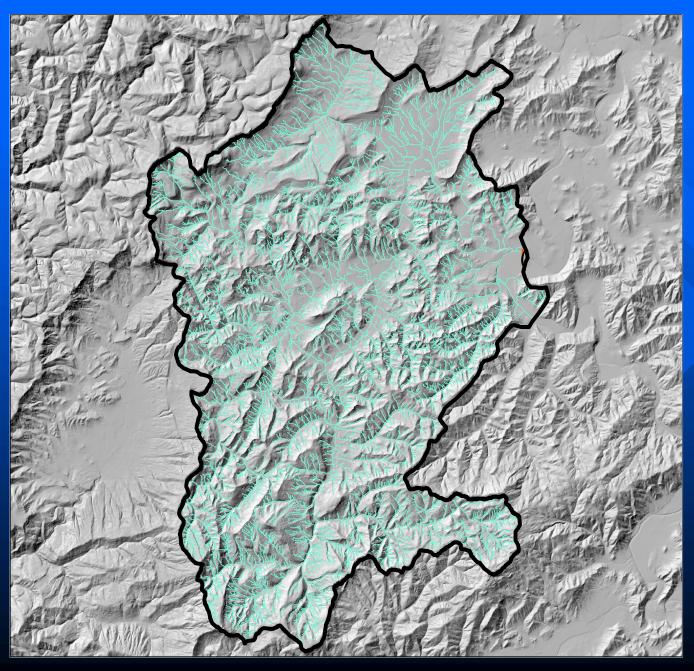
Groundwater DWSA



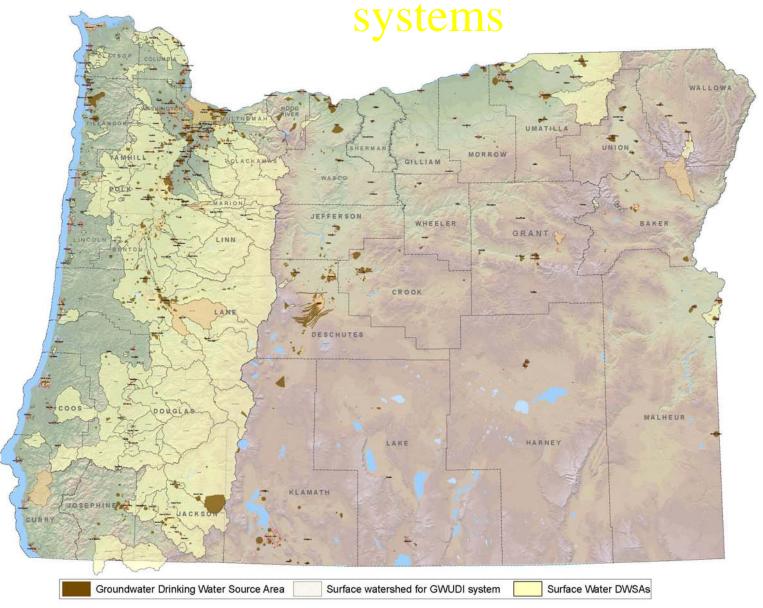
Hydrogeologic Mapping



Surface Water-DWSA



Oregon's source areas for public water



SWA includes... List of potential sources of contaminants

- Inventoried >100types coveringvarious land uses
- Identified >15,000PCSs in source areas
- Access Databasereadilyaccessible data

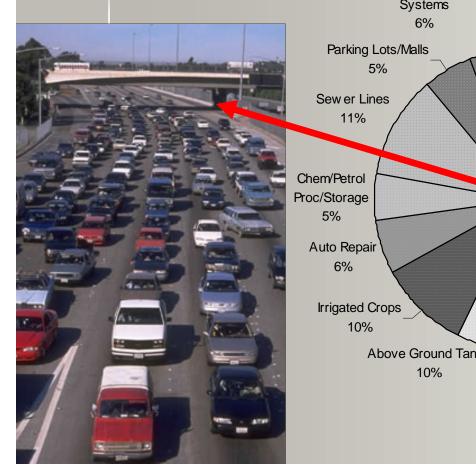


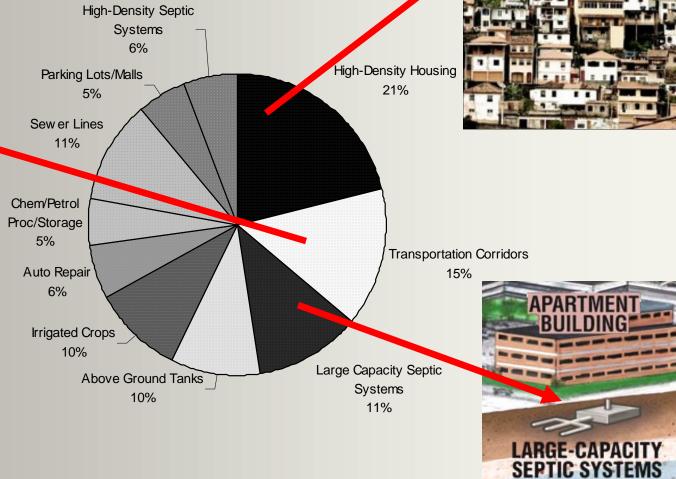




Oregon's SWA Inventory Results

Groundwater Systems
Highest Potential Risks in 2-yr TOT





SWA includes...

- Evaluation of sensitive areas within source area
 - Aquifer characteristics and ease with which water can move from the surface to the aquifer,
 - Chemical or coliform detections,
 - Well construction, and
 - Potential contaminant source inventory
- Recommendations for how to protect the water quality, but *no new requirements*

Source Water Assessments

Sensitive Areas (Natural Factors)

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Contamination Risks

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Susceptibility of the Drinking Water Source

Protecting The Source

Protecting the Source What Steps Should We Take?

- Know where the Drinking Water Source Area is located.
 - Within city limits
 - Extends into the county
 - Rural/private land
- Identify who has jurisdiction/regulatory control?
 - City
 - County
 - Dept of Agriculture
 - US Forest Service / Oregon Forestry Dept

Protecting the Source Developing Protection Strategies

- Use Source Water Assessment to identify high- and moderate- risks. Update list
 - Risk factors
 - Aquifer sensitivity
- Evaluate based on
 - Benefit achieved (risk reduction, economic factors)
 - Challenges (time, staff, cost)
 - Community buy in
 - Long-term plans
- Associate appropriate BMPs with each identified risk
- Implementation of BMPs through Local authority
 - Through land use planning process or through changes in City code

CHECKLIST: PLEASE RETURN TO DHS

Public Water System #4100909

Barlow Water District

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Land Use Type		
Drinking Water Facilities	 □ Verify that no chemicals are stored near the wellhead or spring, and that all backup fuel supplies have secondary containment. □ Alert residents and businesses within your drinking water source area to opportunities to properly dispose of common hazardous wastes 	
Housing - High Density	 Notify residents of their location within your source area and communicate the information found in the fact sheets listed on backside of the Example Letter to Customers. Help educate them about pesticide and fertilizer use, and disposal of household hazardous wastes, pharmaceuticals, and pet waste. □ Identify underground injection wells and dry wells for stormwater disposal. Verify permit status. □ Review a stormwater management document and develop a program to address stormwater. 	
Homes with Septic Systems	 Notify residents that they are located within the Drinking Water Source Area and send fact sheets on septic system maintenance. Ongoing education program on household hazardous waste and disposal of pharmaceuticals. For residents with horses, send "Managing Small-acreage Horse Farms" fact sheet. Work with local government to require septic inspections when property is transferred 	
Crops (inc. orchards, vineyards,	Notify the owner(s) or operator(s) of their location within your Drinking Water Source Area and send fact sheets on "Managing Agricultural Fertilizer Application" and "Managing Large-Scale Application of Pesticides."	
nurseries, greenhouses, Christmas trees, grains,	Encourage farm operator to work with their local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) or Oregon State University County Extension Agent to develop a farm plan, if they have not done so already.	
grass seed, pasture)	If this land covers a large percentage of your Drinking Water Source Area, notify your local SWCD of your Source Area location.	
	□ Identify and document any pesticides used to maintain site and areas applied.	
	Encourage growers to participate in local pesticide collection event for unused and legacy pesticides.	

Implementation Matrix: Prioritizing the Approach

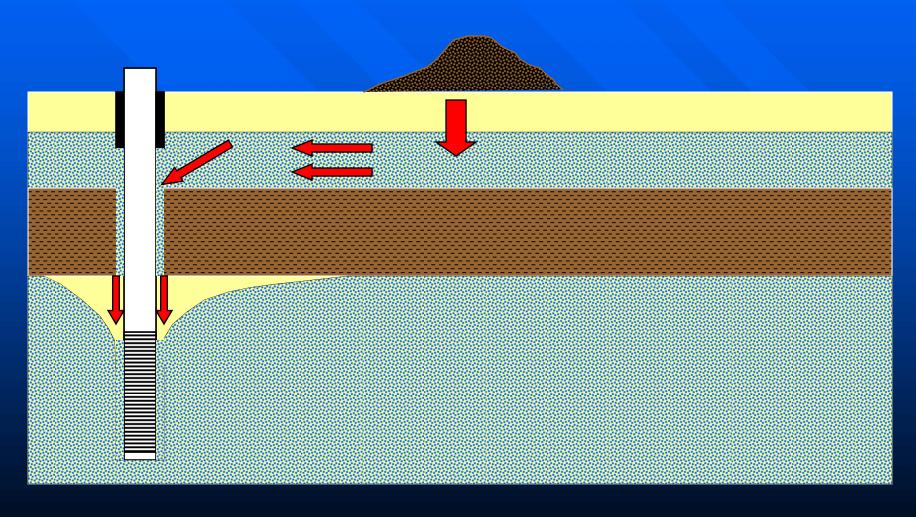
BMPs Ease of Implementation	BMPs for High Risk PCSs	BMPs for Mod Risk PCSs	BMPs for Low Risk PCSs
Easy to do	High Risk PCS BMP Easy to do		
Mod difficult to do			
Difficult to do OHA Drinking Water Ser	rices		Low Risk PCS BMP Hard to do

Examples of Drinking Water Protection Strategies

- public awareness news features, sign installation
- incorporate pollution prevention concepts and BMPs for high-risk locations
- household hazardous waste education/collection
- community/watershed spill response plans
- local zoning ordinances
- easements in sensitive areas agriculture/forestry
- septic system outreach/maintenance program
- technical training for high risk facilities' employees
- County overlay; early notification re: changes

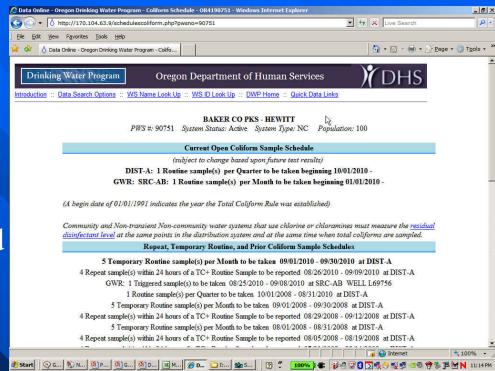
Linking Source Water Protection with Groundwater Rule and GWUDI

Inadequately Constructed Well Susceptible to Fecal Contamination



Monthly Assessment Monitoring

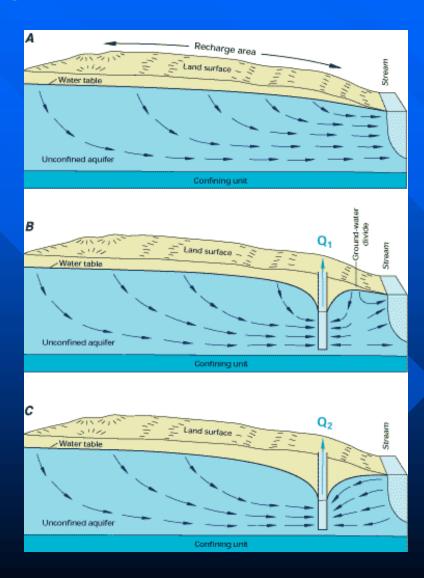
- Monthly tracking of samples
 - Schedules now available on SDWIS on-line
 - Violations to be issued for not sampling starting in 2011



The Source Has a Confirmed EC+ result. What Next?

- Assessment monitoring for that specific source can stop.
 - If your water system has multiple sources on assessment monitoring, the other sources must continue with assessment monitoring.
- Regional Hydrogeologist will review the SWA results and determine:
 - If GWUDI Coordinator should review results for possible MPA test
 - If there are well construction issues that suggest that the groundwater source should be repaired or replaced.
- If needed, the GWUDI Coordinator will contact you regarding MPA testing requirements.
- Communicate with your County/State Health Dept contact

Pumping Wells Close to Streams



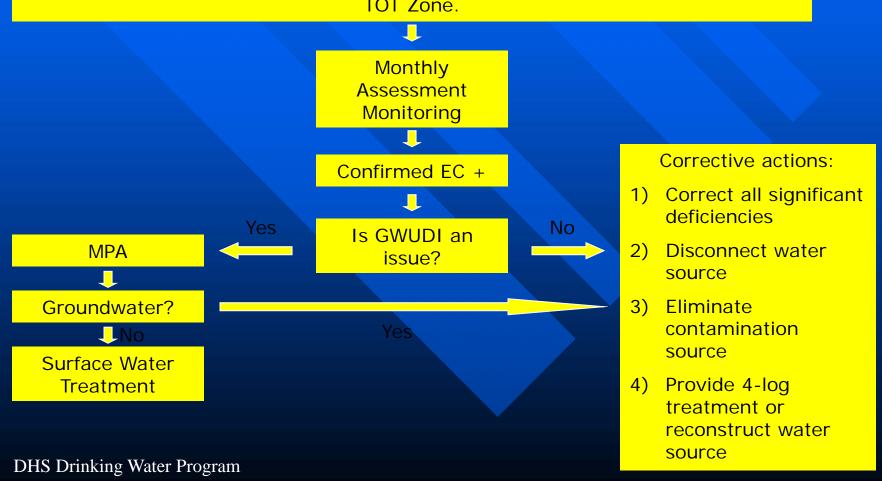
Groundwater Under the Influence of Surface Water

- Water system vulnerable to microorganisms such as Giardia lamblia or Cryptosporidium.
- Protocol for determination:
 - Hydrogeologic Assessment (SWA)
 - Assessment monitoring year-long collection of raw water coliform data (if needed): confirmed fecal coliform?
 - Microscopic Particulate Analysis (if needed)
- If source determined to be GWUDI, then must treat as a surface water source or take other corrective action.
- Contact Russ Kazmierczak for more details
 - (541) 726-2587 x26

Monthly Assessment Monitoring for GW Rule

Wells and Springs identified as susceptible to fecal contamination.

High sensitivity & fecal contaminant source (includes surface water) within 2-yr TOT Zone.



Protecting the Source SDWA grant opportunities

- Apply with simple form to DHS
- \$30,000 per PWS, per year, maximum
- Selection based on risks, reduction, etc.
- Examples of eligible projects:
 - Drug take-back projects
 - Pesticide use / application rate reduction workshops, etc
 - Household hazardous waste collection events
 - Workshops promoting alternative nonhazardous products
 - Abandonment of nearby unused private wells
 - Reforestation / replanting of sensitive riparian areas
 - Installation of signs / fencing of sensitive protection areas
 - Decommissioning septic systems & installation of sewer hookups
- If applying for <u>infrastructure loans</u>, having implemented protection strategies will give you more points (but, we must be aware of it!)

Protecting the Source Technical Assistance & Information

Technical Assistance
Information

Groundwater

Insert Regional Hydrogeologist **OHA Drinking Water Services** (541) 726-2587 x?? XXX.XXXX@state.or.us

Surface Water

Sheree Stewart **DEQ Drinking Water Protection** (503) 229-5413 Stewart.sheree@deq.state.or.us

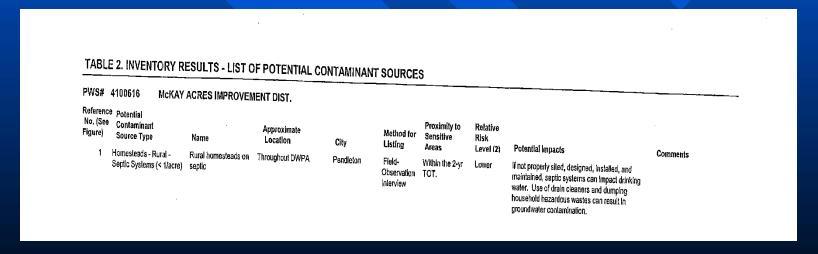
- http://public.health.oregon.gov/He althyEnvironments/DrinkingWater /SourceWater/Pages/swp.aspx
 - » Drinking Water Protection Bulletins
 - » Fact sheets
- http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/dwp /dwp.htm
 - » Management strategies for specific land uses
 - » Fact sheets
 - » GIS resources

Summary

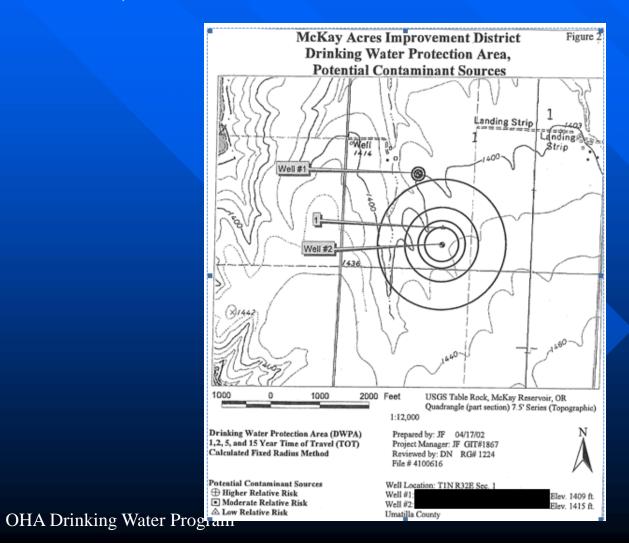
- Water resources are scarce. A decline in water quality can reduce the quantity of water available locally.
- Source Water Assessment Reports help identify potential threats to drinking water quality.
- The goal of Drinking Water Protection is to reduce the risk of contamination, not necessarily eliminate it
- DEQ/OHA can help public water systems prioritize their protection efforts and identify specific strategies
- Drinking Water Protection in Oregon is voluntary but is necessary in order to protect existing and future drinking water sources.

- 1. Open SWA Report (see Table of Contents for pg #): Review Table 4.1 Aquifer Sensitivity Analysis and Table 4.2 Well Construction Sensitivity Analysis
- 2. Review Table 2 Inventory Results located in Appendix. Note BMP section.
- 3. Complete BMP Matrix for each of the PCSs.
- 4. Discuss completion of the matrix.
 - Are the BMPs easy to do, moderate or hard to complete?
- 5. Complete Recommended Actions List
- 6. Complete Sign-up Sheet or Call for Additional Technical Assistance
 - Provide Guidance
 - Copies of Fact Sheets

- 1. Open the Source Water Assessment Report and turn to Table 2. Inventory Result, near the end of the report, located in Appendix (see below for example).
- 2. Select a high relative risk PCS in the 2 year Time of Travel (TOT), see example below. Select a lower risk PCS if none in the 2 yr TOT and/or move out to the next TOT if no PCSs in the 2 yr TOT.



3. Example of the Potential Contaminate Source Map showing TOT zones, PCSs and well locations



4. Using handout, review initial/substantial implementation Best Management Practices (BMPs) for each PCS identified in Table 2.

ACTIVITY	AU_RMPs	Initial Implementatio n	Substantial Implementation	FactSheetLinks.	PCS_ Code	Pot_Impact
Homesteads - Rural - Septic Systems (< 1/acre)	□ Notify the residents of their location within your Drinking Water Source Area and send the following fact sheets: *"Groundwater Basics" *"Managing Septic Systems to Prevent Contamination of Drinking Water" *"What is Household Hazardous Waste' *"Hea.		Delify the residents of their location within your Drinking Water Source Area and send the following fact sheets: ""Groundwater Basics" ""Managing Septic Systems to Prevent Contamination of Drinking Water" ""What is Household Hazardous Waste" ""Hea.	http://www.deq.state.or. us/wq/pubs/factsheets/d rinkingwater/gwbasics.p df Healthy Lawns, Healthy Families: http://www.healthylawns.		If not properly sited, designed, installed, and maintained, septic systems can impact drinking water. Use of drain cleaners and dumping household hazardous wastes can result in groundwater contamination.

5. Complete Best Management Practices (BMPs) Implementation Matrix for each of the PCSs listed in Table 2 (see above for example).

PWS Name: McKay Acres Improvement District PWS ID# 4100616						
Implementation Impact/Benefit based on Relative Risk Level of the Potential Contaminant Source (PCS). For use with Table 2 in the Appendix of the SWA Report and the Recommended Actions Checklist.						
Ease of Implementation*	BMPs for High Risk PCSs	BMPs for Moderate Risk PCSs	BMPs for Low Risk PCSs			
Easy to do			Notify the residents of their location within your Drinking Water Source Area and send the following fact sheets: ""Groundwater Basics" ""Managing Septic Systems to Prevent Contamination of Drinking Water" ""What is Household Hazardous Waste" ""Healthy Lawns, Healthy Families" "Recycle Used Motor Oil" ""Drinking Water Protection for shallow injection well owners & operators" "Twelve Simple Things You Can Do to Protect Your Well Water"			
Moderately difficult to do						
Difficult to do						

- 6. Discuss completion of the matrix.
 - » Are there any BMPs that are "easy to do" that would have a "High" impact?
 - » Are there any BMPs that are "difficult to do" that would have a "Low" impact?
 - » Which BMPs would you try to implement first? Which ones last or not at all?
- 7. Post Class Implementation: Repeat the exercise above for the remaining PCSs listed in the Source Water Assessment and after the PCSs have been addressed and BMPs implemented (that means provided to the owner of the PCS and used by the owner of the PCS), please send a completed copy of the Checklist to OHA (see example below and included in the handouts).

Address to: Russell Kazmierczak Drinking Water Program 444 A Street Springfield, OR 97477

Example Checklist

CHECKLIST: PLEASE RETURN TO OHA

Public Water System #4100416 PWS: MCKAY ACRES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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	Land Use Type	Recommended Actions for Drinking Water Protection (check off any strategies you have completed)					
	Rural Homes and Septic Systems	X Notify residents that they are located within the Drinking Water Source Area and send appropriate fact sheets as suggested on page 2 of example letter to customers. X Ongoing education program on household hazardous waste and disposal of					
		pharmaceuticals. II For residents with horses, send "Managing Small-acreage Horse Farms" fact sheet. XWork with local government to require septic inspections when property is transferred					
	Wells - Abandoned	□ Notify the well owners of proper well abandonment procedures and send the Water Resources Department's brochure: "A consumer's guide to Water Well Construction, Maintenance, And Abandonment." □ Provide financial incentives for permanent well abandonment according to the Water Resources Department's "A consumer's guide to Water Well Construction, Maintenance, And Abandonment." □ Verify proper well abandonment. Provided well construction is adequate, temporary abandonment will be protective of groundwater. Contact OHA Staff for assistance, and					

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