

Drinking Water Program Update

OHA Drinking Water Services

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Presentation Overview

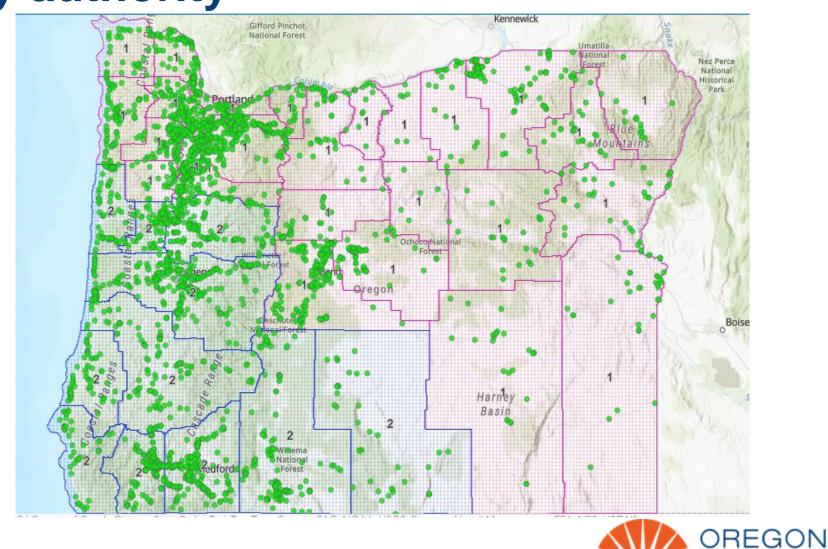
- Regulatory update
 - Federal status
 - Lead and copper
 - CCR
 - Emerging contaminants
- Program update
 - Funding resources
 - Miscellaneous program updates





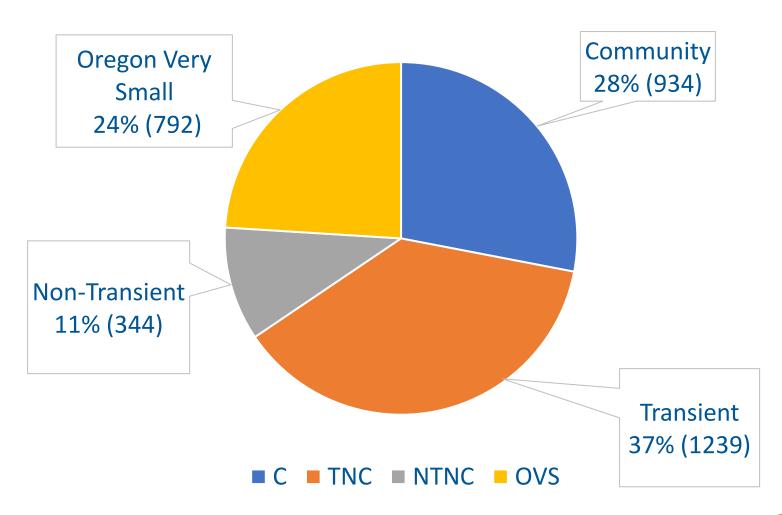
DWS regulatory authority

- 2,500 SDWA Public Water Systems
- 800 Oregon Very Small PWSs
- 97% serve < 500 people
- Counties and Dept. of Ag. provide oversight to groundwater systems < 3,300 (approx. 2,700 systems)



Public water system by classification

Total = 3,309





Federal Regulatory Landscape

- LCRI- EPA provided supporting documents Aug 2025 for states seeking primacy.
- CCR: moving forward
- **PFAS** EPA plans another proposed rule Fall 2025, final spring 2026
 - States are encouraged to apply for primacy extension rather than adopt current PFAS rule





Lead service lines in Oregon

- 97.6% of systems submitted their service line inventory (all but 31)
- 97% of all service lines in Oregon are non-lead
- 94 systems have unknowns
- 2 have GRRs due to unknowns upstream of galvanized





Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

- If initial inventory is done:
 - All non-lead: done until LCRI (2027)
 - Some unknowns or GRR: need to be working on categorizing those. Best to be all non-lead by LCRI
- EPA may do enforcement if no initial inventory submitted
- Public notice must be issued within 24 hours if Lead AL is exceeded.
- Customer notification requirements





Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

- Replacement plans due October 2027
- Baseline inventories due October 8, 2027
 - Add addresses for all service lines
 - Connectors can be up to 3 feet
 - Requires verification for lines ID'd w/out records or inspection
 - Must track locations of lead connectors
- New Action Level = 10 ppb
 - 43 systems in OR were over 10 ppb in latest round
- Public notice required within 24 hours of AL exceedance!
- If unknown service lines in baseline inventory, continue to monitor taps every 3 years
 - If Lead or GRR, must go to 6-month monitoring



LCRI school and childcare facility testing

- PWSs must develop list of all schools and childcare facilities by October 2027
 - Includes public, private schools in buildings primarily for educational use.
- 5 samples at schools, 2 per childcare facility.
- Tests done after January 2021 will be accepted.
- If state regulations meet or exceed LCRI requirements, can receive full or partial waiver.
 - Oregon's program may qualify for waiver with exception of private schools.





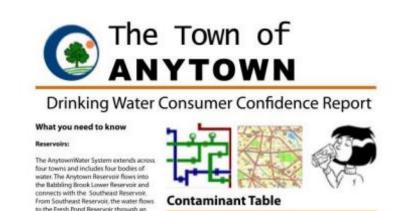
Consumer confidence reports - background

- Yearly requirement for all Community Water Systems (CWSs).
- Summarizes information about local drinking water, source of water, and summary of detected contaminants for previous calendar year.
- Describes any violations received and explains additional health information.
- CWSs must deliver a physical copy of CCR or notify billpaying customers of CCR availability by mail or electronic delivery.



CCR revisions

- Improve the readability, clarity, and understandability of WQ reports
- Enhance risk communication
- Encourage modern electronic delivery options
- Clarify information regarding lead levels and efforts to reduce lead in drinking water
- Provide translation for customers with limited English proficiency
- Require reports be issued twice a year (for systems that serve 10,000 or more people)
- Implementation begins 2027



The Southeast Reservoir watershed extends from north into Tirry Town . The watershed for the Southeast Reservoir includes areas

of Springfield, Anytown and Tiny Town. The

LEAD AND COPPER - Tested at customer's taps. Testing is done every 3 years.

Contaminant EPA Action Level Ideal Goal
Lead 60% of horses lies than 15 ppb 8 ppb

Copper 80% of horses lies than 15 ppc 13 ppb

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More on CCR revisions

Lead information

- How to access service line inventory, or state that all are non-lead
- Steps to take to prevent lead from entering drinking water
- Description of corrosion control efforts

Posting Online

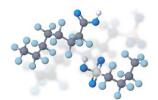
 Requires systems serving 50,000 or more to post its current year's CCR to a publicly accessible site on the internet.

Delivery Certification

 Reduces timeline to certify from three months to no later than 10 days after date the system is required to distribute CCR to its customers.







- A group of man-made chemicals that persist in the environment for long periods of time - often referred to as "forever chemicals"
- Used for decades in industry and consumer products such as nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing, and stain resistant furniture
- Historically a component of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF), a highly effective firefighting product intended for fighting high-hazard flammable liquid fires





Federal rules: PFAS

Original rule

- o Final rule announced on 4/10/2024
- Established MCLs for six PFAS compounds
- PWSs to complete initial monitoring by 2027 and address MCL exceedances by 2029
- EPA's PFAS rule website: https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas

Recent developments

- EPA to retain MCLs for PFOA and PFOS at 4.0 ppt
- Retain initial monitoring deadline of 2027
- Rescind and reconsider regulatory determinations for other four compounds
- MCL compliance deadline extended from 2029 to 2031 for PFOA and PFOS
- Proposed rule with changes expected this fall and final in spring of 2026

Manganese

- EPA has established Health Advisory Levels:
 - 0.3 mg/L over 10 or more days for infants
 - 0.3 mg/L lifetime exposure for general population
 - 1 mg/L one-day exposure for general population
- Historic data shows some high levels of manganese in PWS wells
 - If treating or blending, sample to verify
 - Letters being sent for follow up
- If not sure of Manganese in source, recommend they sample!





Federal funding status- federal shut down

- President's <u>FY 2026</u>
 <u>Discretionary Budget</u>
 <u>Request</u>
- Proposed significant cuts to DWSRF
- Justification
 - SRF and WIFIA are duplicative
 - SRF was not supposed to be a continuing funding
- Congress holds the constitutional authority to pass funding appropriations

| Oregon's Infratsructure Funding Appropriations | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Fiscal Year | Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) "Base" DWSRF | Bipartisan Infrats BIL General Supplemental | BIL through Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act Emerging Contaminants- Small or Disadvantaged Communities | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Replacement | Contaminants | | | | | | | |
| 2022 | \$9,220,000 | \$23,673,000 | \$37,300,000 | \$9,940,000 | \$9,457,000 | | | | | | |
| 2023 | \$7,428,000 | \$31,672,000 | \$28,650,000 | \$11,493,000 | \$9,457,000 | | | | | | |
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| 2025 | TBD* | \$31,672,000 | \$28,650,000 | \$11,493,000 | \$9,457,000 | | | | | | |
| 2026 | TBD* | \$31,672,000 | \$28,650,000 | \$11,493,000 | \$9,457,000 | | | | | | |
| Total | \$16,648,000 | \$150,361,000 | \$151,900,000 | \$55,912,000 | \$47,285,000 | | | | | | |
| | Applied/received | | Applied | | | | | | | | |

Rulemaking 2025

- CCR rule
- New significant deficiency list!
 - Pathways to contamination
 - Inability to demonstrate adequate treatment or WQ
 - Begin issuing violations for uncorrected deficiencies January 2026
- Public comment period ends Nov 31st

USACE's deep drawdown operation

- Court injunction for safe passage of endangered fish species in 2023 and 2024
- First drawdown in 2023; resulted in high turbidity at PWS intakes
- 2024 drawdown started in September
 - Regular coordination meetings
 - Continuous engagement with PWSs
- Operation halted on November 22, 2024
 - High turbidity resulting in PWS operation disruptions
 - o PWS request to halt drawdown
- Before 2025 drawdown operation:
 - Post-operation discussion with PWSs
 - Document lessons learned
 - Identify opportunities for improvement
 - o Revisions to the Emergency Response Communication Plan
- Similar drawdown operation at Detroit Lake
 - Likely starting next year after an environmental impact assessment is completed
 - Engagement with systems downstream of Detroit Lake



Project Funding

- State Revolving fund
 - Projects for health and compliance
 - General infrastructure projects
 - Funding has been dramatically reduced!
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
 - Base supplemental (supplements SRF)
 - Emerging contaminants
 - Service line replacement



Project Funding – SRF and IIJA

- Base funding was reduced from ~\$12 M to \$7.4 M due to congressional directed spending
 - Subsidy determined case by case
- Supplemental is ~\$23 M for 5 years
 - 49% must be provided as loan forgiveness (grant) to disadvantaged communities
- PWS submit letters of Interest by Feb 15 each year
- Systems have already requested \$160 Million
 - DWS will prioritize small, disadvantaged systems with compliance issues



Upstream approach

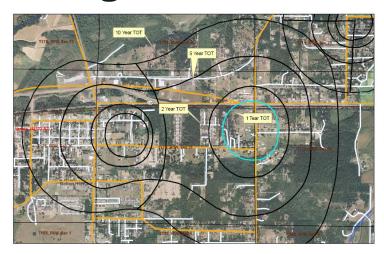
- Capacity assessment
 - Identify disadvantaged PWSs (Median household income, poverty rate, unemployment rate)
 - Note other factors regarding technical, managerial, and financial capacity
 - Targeted outreach to those who need it most (circuit rider, assistance w funding applications)
- Source water protection
 - o Identify potential contaminant sources in protection area
 - Target outreach to implement strategies to reduce risk
 - Incorporate high risks into Emergency response planning



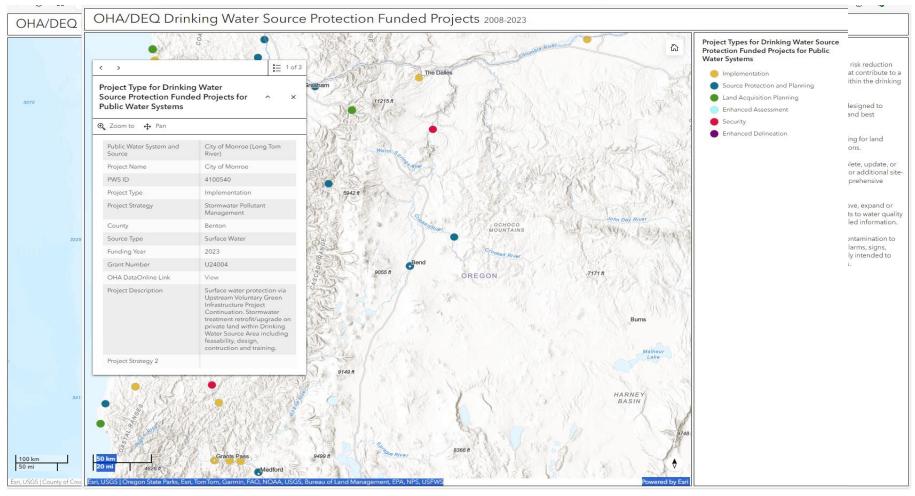


Drinking Water Protection grants

- Up to \$50k per PWS, \$70k for land acquisition planning projects.
- Submit Letter of Interest (LOI) by Feb 15th to Business Oregon/IFA.
- Source Protection Planning Projects designed to identify appropriate protection measures, including development of a comprehensive Drinking Water Source Protection (DWSP) plan, educational projects, projects to identify and ensure implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs), development of local DWSP ordinances, development of restoration or conservation plans for the source area for future easement or land acquisition.



DWP Grant Past Project Map





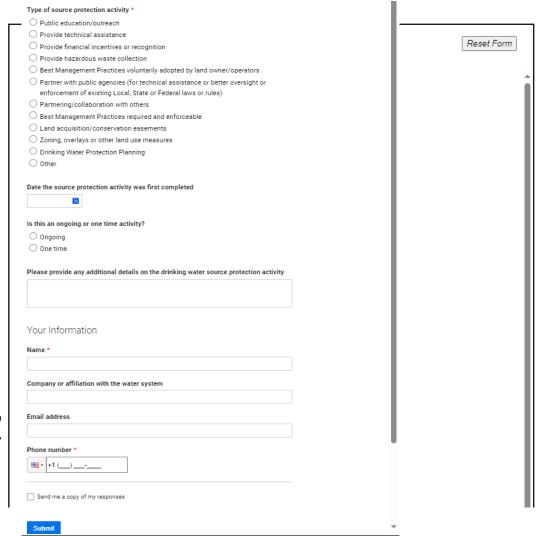
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| | DEPT OF AGRICULTURE | Washington | 91612 | 26 MARKET | No | Yes | No | No | |
| | MARION COUNTY | Marion | 06301 | 4B FARM LABOR CAMP | No | No | No | No | |
| | YAMHILL COUNTY | Yamhill | 95372 | 5 ROCK RANCH | No | No | No | No | |
| | DESCHUTES COUNTY | Deschutes | 05950 | 57TH & MAPLE WATER SYSTEM | No | No | No | No | |
| 373-040 | JACKSON COUNTY | Jackson | 91555 | 62 BURGERS AND BREW | No | No | No | No | |
| | MARION COUNTY | Marion | 01184 | 62ND COURT MUTUAL WATER CO | No | Yes | No | No | |
| | JACKSON COUNTY | Jackson | 06316 | 777 GUEST RANCH | No | No | No | No | |
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| | JACKSON COUNTY | Jackson | 95342 | A RIVER RUNS THROUGH | No | No | No | No | |
| | REGION 1 | Baker | 94825 | A-FRAME RV PARK | No | Yes | No | No | |
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| | JOSEPHINE COUNTY | Josephine | 95709 | ACE EARTHMOVING INC | No | No | No | No | |
| | CLACKAMAS COUNTY | Clackamas | 05649 | ACHING ACRES MOBILE HOME PARK | No | No | No | No | |
| | DOUGLAS COUNTY | Douglas | 92091 | ADA RESORT | No | Yes | No | No | |
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| | POLK COUNTY | Polk | 95295 | ADDIVIA WATER SYSTEM | No | No | No | No | |
| | REGION 2 | Lake | 05723 | ADEL SCHOOL-SD 21 LIBRARY | No | No | No | No | |
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Water system specific SWP link

PWS ID: 05331 ---- 1594 COTTAGES OR41 **Drinking Water Source Protection** Oregon Public Health Drinking Water D Drinking water source protection refers to actions that protect raw water sources (such as rivers, streams, lakes, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater) that provide water to public water system wells, springs, and intakes. OHA encourages water systems and their OR41 05331 communities to implement best management practices to reduce risks of contamination to their drinking water sources. By OZZ RENTALS, addressing potential and current concerns at the source, water systems can reduce the risk of exposing consumers to contaminated water, as well as reduce treatment costs. Implementing source protection might also help avoid or defer the need for complex Population: 7 (Residential) treatment in the future. Operating Period: January 1 t Certified Operator(s) Required: N **Current Status for 1594 COTTAGES** Distribution clas Treatment class State Approved Drinking Water Source Protection Plan: No Filtration Endors Source Protection Source Water Assessment: No Facility ID Facility Nan · Source is Substantially Protected: No EP for WEL Drinking Water Source Protection Award: No Expand the sections below to learn more about each of these items Facility ID Facility Name **Drinking Water Source Protection Plans** Cro Source Water Assessments Only community water sy **Drinking Water Source Protection Implementation** More information for this water syst System Info :: Report for Lenders Drinking Water Source Protection Award Lead & Copper :: DBP Sample Sit

Source Water Activities Survey

- Geologist Reviews Surve
 - Verify criteria





Drinking Water Source Protection Award

To acknowledge excellence in drinking water source protection efforts, the state of Oregon awards a certificate of recognition to water systems that have made substantial progress in implementing measures to protect their drinking water sources from contamination.

Receipt of the award is displayed on the <u>Water System Information</u> page. The Drinking Water Source Protection Award may be used to promote consumer trust, positive customer relations, and public support in protecting drinking water sources.



To be eligible for the award, the water system must show that strategies are in place to reduce the risk of contamination from one or more high- or moderate-risk land-use activities within the drinking water source area. The strategy also must be commonly considered an effective risk-reduction measure for the drinking water supply (either groundwater or surface water). Risk-reduction strategies can be implemented through actions taken by state agencies, regional management authorities, local government, and the water system. To apply for the Drinking Water Source Protection Award, see the information below under "Drinking Water Source Protection Activities Survey."

For risk-reduction examples and ideas, see DEQ's Protecting Your Source.

Drinking Water Source Protection Activities Survey

If your water system has implemented drinking water protection measures that protect your drinking water source from contamination and you are interested in receiving the Drinking Water Source Protection Award, please complete the Activities Survey:

Source Protection Activities Survey

Other reminders

- Make sure DWS has an after-hours number for PWS
- Make sure you have the DWS after-hours number
 - 503-704-1174
- Know your local emergency manager
- Join ORWARN







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