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# Drinking Water Services Fall Partner Training

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## Outline

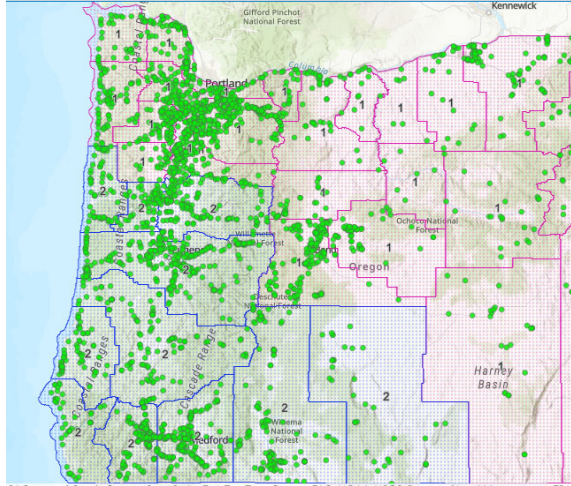
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## DWS regulatory authority

- 2,500 federally regulated Public Water Systems
- Approx. 800 state regulated Oregon Very Small PWSs
  - With 4-14 connections or serving 10-24 people for at least 60 days a year
- Partners (counties and Dept. of Ag. provide oversight for small PWSs with groundwater source (approx. 2,700 systems)
- One main and two field offices
  - Portland: 29 staff
  - Springfield: 11 staff
  - Pendleton: 3 staff

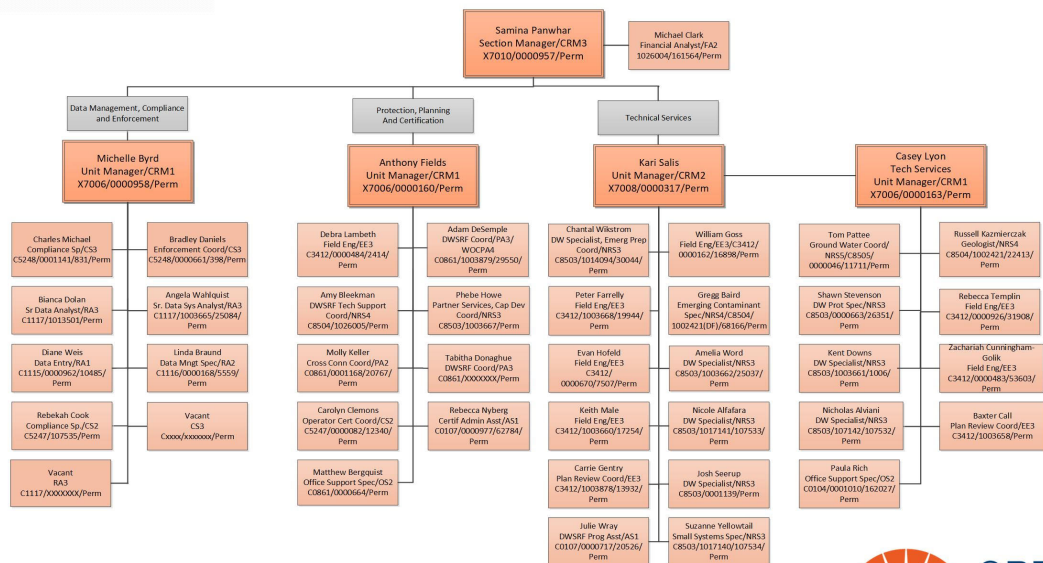


Note: EPA provides direct oversight to tribal systems

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### DWS Org Chart



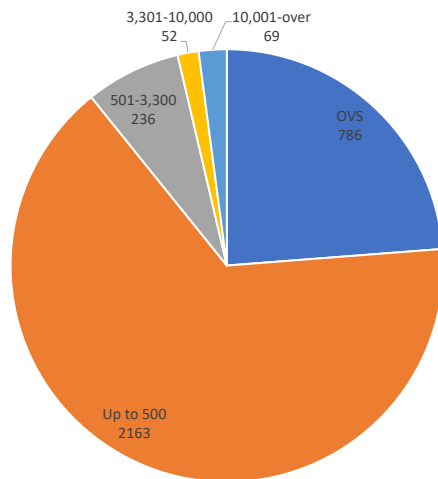
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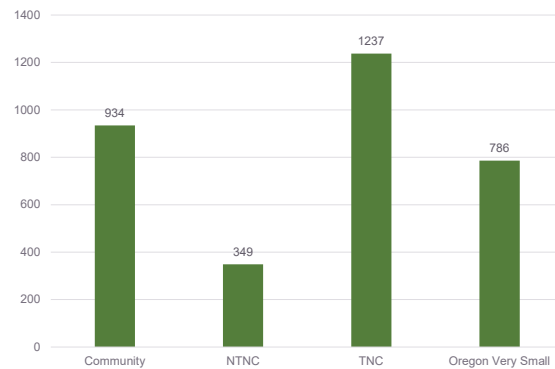
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## Number of PWSs by size and type

Public Water Systems by Size



Public Water Systems by Type



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## Federal funding

- President's FFY2026 Discretionary Budget Request and funding cuts
  - DWSRF (Loan and set-asides)
  - Public Water System Supervision or Primacy grant
- Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding (Loan and set-asides)- FFY22-FFY26
  - IIJA General supplemental
  - IIJA Emerging Contaminants
  - IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement
  - IIJA/WIIN EC-SDC

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## LCRR: Service line inventories

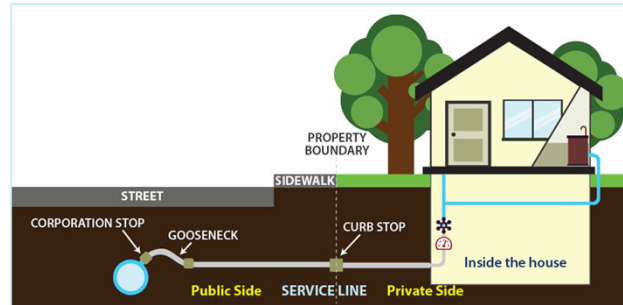
### Summary

#### Water System Totals

Required	Reported	% Reported
1,276	1,215	95.2%

#### Service Line Totals

Service Line Category	Number Reported	Percent of Total Reported
Lead	0	0%
Galvanized Requiring Replacement	71	0%
Lead Status Unknown	32,153	3%
Non-lead	1,209,366	97%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,241,590</b>	<b>100%</b>



More on LCRR and SLIs:

- Violations issued in March 2024
- EPA to take enforcement action
- Terminated contracts with three vendors providing assistance with SLIs

- Source: Data Online [www.yourwater.Oregon.gov/servicelines](http://www.yourwater.Oregon.gov/servicelines)

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## Other federal rules

- PFAS: Recent developments
  - Retain the current National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for PFOA and PFAS
  - Potentially rescind regulations for other compounds
  - Extend the MCL implementation deadline to 2031
- CCR
  - Final rule took effect on June 24, 2024
  - State rulemaking in 2025
- LCRI: Released on October 8, 2024
  - Under congressional review

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## Legislative session

- Long session: January-June 2025
- A few noteworthy bills
  - [SB 1154](#): Modifies provisions of law related to declarations of ground water quality concern areas and ground water management areas.
  - [HB 3106](#): Directs the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to work with the Integrated Water Data Team to create and maintain a statewide integrated water data portal.
  - [SB 845](#): Authorizes the Public Utility Commission to order the acquisition of an incumbent water utility by another water utility or entity when the incumbent water utility is not able to provide safe, adequate, efficient and reasonable service.
- Numerous other bills tracking at Priority 4 and 5

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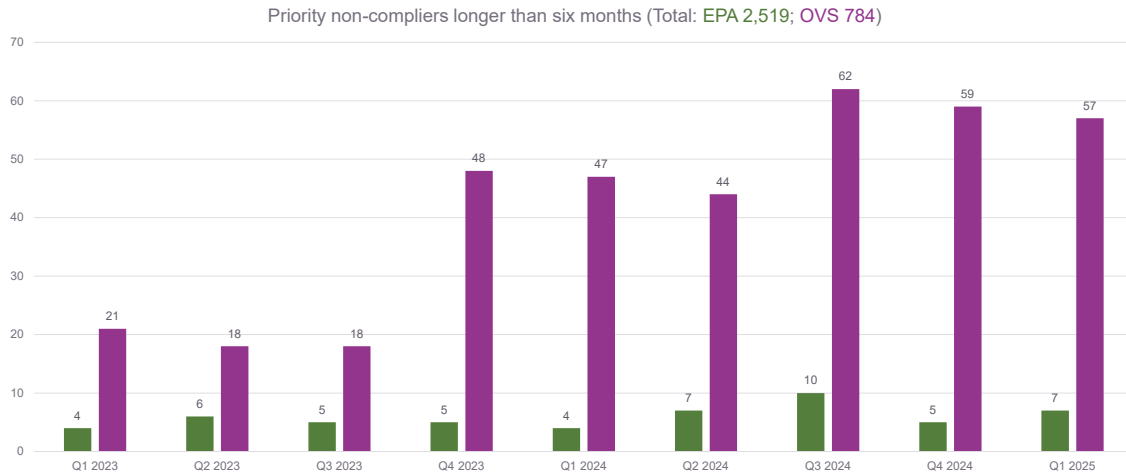
## USACE's deep drawdown operation

- Court injunction for safe passage of endangered fish species
- First drawdown in 2023; resulted in high turbidity at PWS intakes
  - Green Peter: Cities of Sweet Home, Albany, and Lebanon
  - Lookout Point: City of Lowell
- 2024 drawdown started in September
  - Regular coordination meetings
  - Continuous engagement with PWSs
  - High turbidity resulting in PWS operation disruptions
  - Operation halted on November 22, 2024
- Planned drawdown in 2025 and beyond
  - Detroit Lake drawdown in 2026 and beyond
  - Improve Emergency Response Communication Plan

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## Program Performance Measure



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## Program priorities with upstream approach

- Focus on PWS capacity
  - Sanitary surveys: currently adding resilience questions
  - Small system toolkit (resources)
  - Expand capacity development assistance to incorporate managerial and financial components
- Find partnerships/collaborations with other stakeholders in addressing small system issues
- Continue advocacy for state funding for OVS systems
- Improve PE50
- Improve operator certification reciprocity process

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## Thank you!

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