

2026 Water System Survey Revisions

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Drinking Water Services

What is a water system survey and why did we change the forms?

What is a water system survey?

- Occur every 3 or 5 years.
- Water system survey: on-site review of a water system's sources, treatment, storage facilities, distribution system, operations and maintenance, monitoring, and management to evaluate a system's capability of providing safe drinking water.

Why did we change the forms?

- Implement new [2026 significant deficiencies](#) and unmet rule requirements.
- DWS can tailor technical assistance (AWOP site visits, operations, communications, etc.) for the water system.
- Assist in assessing a system's needs for responding to emergencies and overall resiliency.

Survey Form Changes

Survey template packets in MS Word **password protected**

[Packet 1: C-NTNC Groundwater Survey Template](#) - *revised 5/6/2026*

[Packet 2: C-NTNC Surface Water Survey Template](#) - *revised 5/6/2026*

[Packet 3: TNC Survey Template](#) - *revised 5/12/2026*

**Are there any sections or survey questions that
need clarification?**

Survey Cover Letter Changes

Survey cover letter templates in MS Word - *revised 1/7/2026*

- [Community Groundwater Systems](#) - includes outstanding performer information language
- [NTNC and TNC Groundwater Systems](#)
- [Community Surface Water Systems](#) - includes outstanding performer information language
- [NTNC and TNC Surface Water Systems](#)

Where are documents stored?

- All updated survey forms, cover letter templates, and reference manual can be found on: [County & Dept. of Agriculture Resources – Water System Surveys](#)

Please discontinue using older templates you might have saved
- Send survey cover letter, survey form, and PWS service area boundary info, and other important info (monitoring schedule changes, etc.) to Compliance.DW@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Thank you!

Questions, concerns, or suggestions?

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