

Roles and Responsibilities of Government for Drinking Water Regulation	
<b>Federal Government</b>	<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe Drinking Water Act – sets standards, such as Maximum Contaminant Levels for pollutants in drinking water supplies; drinking water protection; water security and sustainability.</li> </ul>
<b>State Government</b>	<b>Minnesota Department of Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well Management Program – sets regulations for drilling new water wells; sealing abandoned water wells.</li> <li>Safe Drinking Water Act – regulates construction of wells used as public water supply systems.</li> <li>Health Risk Limits – sets maximum contaminant levels for state drinking water supplies; declares drinking water emergencies.</li> <li>Wellhead Protection -- community public water systems required to delineate, inventory, and manage an inner wellhead management zone and create a formal wellhead protection plan.</li> <li>Source Water Assessment – all public drinking water systems were provided source water assessments by MDH, which should be updated by water suppliers.</li> </ul> <b>Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drinking Water Security – the safety and security of drinking water resources is the role of DPS Homeland Security.</li> </ul> <b>Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Water Supply Planning – provides a checklist and instructions for water suppliers to help develop plans.</li> </ul> <b>Metropolitan Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metro Water Supply Planning – provides regional planning and research on metro water supplies (surface and groundwater).</li> <li>Laboratory Testing Services – approved laboratory testing for groundwater, surface water, and drinking water samples.</li> </ul>
<b>Watershed</b>	<b>VRWJPO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore Impaired Waters – implements strategies to reduce health risks in surface water from bacteria and nitrate.</li> </ul>
<b>County</b>	<b>Dakota County</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Well Testing – tests for bacteria and nitrate.</li> <li>Research – ongoing study of nitrate in drinking water supplies in Dakota County; collaboration with MDA on Targeted Townships sampling for nitrate.</li> <li>Outreach – sponsors outreach on nitrate reduction and agricultural groundwater protection in rural watershed.</li> </ul>
<b>Cities (Incorporated)</b>	<b>Cities (Incorporated)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Supply Plan – public water suppliers develop plan as part of comprehensive planning; plan also required if water suppliers want to expand the system.</li> <li>Water Conservation – public water suppliers develop voluntary water conservation measures by ordinance.</li> <li>Restore Impaired Waters – implements strategies to reduce health risks in surface water from nitrate.</li> </ul>