

Roles and Responsibilities of Government for Groundwater Regulation	
Federal Government	<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Drinking Water Act – includes source water protection; wellhead protection; underground injection; groundwater rules. • CERCLA – investigates, enforces clean-up of releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants to groundwater. <p>Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment – conducts assessment of health risks at Superfund sites.
State Government	<p>Department of Natural Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Well Assessment – approval for drilling a well that will draw more than 10,000 gallons per day/1 million per year • Water Appropriations Permit – permit required to draw more than 10,000 gal/day, 1 million/yr. • Groundwater Hydrology Program – monitoring statewide resources <p>Board of Water and Soil Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Groundwater Plans – reviews and approves county groundwater protection plans. <p>Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MERLA – investigates, enforces clean-up of releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants to groundwater. • LUST – investigates, enforces clean-up of releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants to groundwater. • Closed Landfill Program – completes closure requirements on former MPCA-permitted sanitary landfills. <p>Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Response – state duty officer notified of any leaks, spills, or incidents affecting groundwater. <p>Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural Chemicals – state duty officer notified of any leaks, spills, or incidents affecting groundwater.
Watershed	<p>VRWJPO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infiltration of Surface Water – sets volume control standard requiring infiltration, or filtration if soils don't allow for infiltration or are susceptible to contamination. • Recharge Zones – identifies and protects groundwater recharge zones. • Beneficial Re-use – identifies and implements beneficial use/re-use for stormwater to conserve groundwater supplies. • Water Conservation – works with cooperators on strategies to conserve groundwater.
County Government	<p>Dakota County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells and Water Supply – sets standards, guidelines, and regulations for wells and water supplies. • Abandoned Well Identification – provides technical assistance, funding for closing abandoned wells. • Groundwater Model – administers the County groundwater model. • Groundwater Protection Plan – prepares Groundwater Protection Plan as part of Comprehensive Plan • Ambient Groundwater Sampling – testing private wells for nitrate, bacteria, pesticides

	and other contaminants.
Cities (Incorporated)	Cities (Incorporated) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellhead Protection Plan – defined area in which activities pose a potential threat to groundwater used for public water supply.• Infiltration of Surface Water – sets volume control standard requiring infiltration, or filtration if soils don't allow for infiltration or are susceptible to contamination.