

Celebrating 25 Years

Keeping Drinking Water Safe

More than 2.95 million Utah State residents, 98 percent of the state's population, get their drinking water from public water systems. Public water systems and their water operators are our first line of defense against contaminants getting into our public water supply and people getting sick.

The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) is responsible for the enforcement of the federal and Utah Safe Drinking Water Acts (SDWAs) and the regulatory oversight of over 1,000 public water systems to assure the delivery of safe drinking water to all Utah's residents and visitors. In this capacity, DDW staff perform field inspections, issue operating permits, review plans and specifications for new facilities, take enforcement actions for non-compliance with laws and regulations, review water quality monitoring results, and support and promote water system security. In addition, DDW staff are involved in funding infrastructure improvements, conducting source water assessments, and promoting and assisting public water systems prepare for the future. The DDW has provided approximately \$330 Million in grants and low interest loans to communities to improve their drinking water systems throughout the State.

DDW's mission to "cooperatively work with drinking water professionals and the public to ensure a safe and reliable supply of drinking water" is carried out by collaborative work with our colleagues in the local health departments, water boards, and with the US Environmental Protection Agency as well as the following technical assistance providers: Rural Water Association of Utah and the Intermountain Section of the American Water Works Association.



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