



Monitoring All Federal Legislation & Regulation To Protect You

15,235	# of bills in Congress on May 26, 2016
268	# of number of bills in Congress related to rural water
87	# of EPA “regulated” drinking water “contaminants”
221	# of federal register pages for disinfection byproducts rules
153,138	# of U.S. “public drinking water systems (PWSs)”
150,669	# of PWSs serving populations of fewer than 20,000 persons
95,668,900	# of U.S. people served by above PWSs
16,225	# of public sewer systems (POTWs)
80	% of POTWs serving fewer than 10,000 persons
232	# of PWSs with a violation for naturally occurring fluoride
221	# of above PWSs less than 2 PPB above fluoride MCL
25,000	# of dollars you can be fined for federal violations per day
Infinite	# of dollars your new NPDES permit can cost
24	# of hours per day local government protects the public

NRWA Regulatory Committee: Your Peers Standing Up for You



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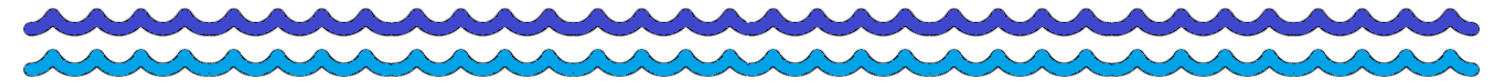
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The Power of an Association: “Our grassroots is our strength. By organizing together with a common agenda, we can accomplish what none of us could achieve on our own.” -- NRWA President Doug Anderton (GA), 2014



Kirby Mayfield (Mississippi)
U.S. House, October 22, 2015

“Local officials will confide in their peers more than a regulator or consultant, and more open to modify practices from peer suggestions.”



Senator Wicker (Mississippi)
U.S. Senate, April 7, 2016


















“My hat is off to small town local governments... We need Circuit Riders instead of increased regulatory burden.”



Robert Moore (Oklahoma)
U.S. Senate, April 7, 2016

“Our communities have the very important public responsibility of supplying the public with safe water every second of every day.”

Recent Regulatory Committee Initiatives

Issue	Action	Result
IRS Change in Definition of Political Subdivision	 NRWA comments to retain state discretion.	Pending Regulatory Committee action (9/9/2016)
EPA change in NPDES permit design	 NRWA opposition to permits based on actual versus design flow.	Pending Regulatory Committee action (9/9/2016)
LCR monitoring data to include 3 rd party tests	 NRWA opposition to new law allowing for 3 rd LCR monitoring.	Pending Regulatory Committee action (9/9/2016)
New Hexavalent Chromium Standard	 NRWA comments in opposition to federalizing new standard.	Pending Regulatory Committee action (9/9/2016)
EPA's Risk Management Program Proposed Rule	 NRWA comments in opposition to the proposed rule (5/13/2016).	Pending EPA Review and Congressional Action
EPA Strontium Proposed Regulation	 NRWA comments in opposition to proposed regulation (12/19/2014).	EPA indefinite delay in final strontium rule (1/4/2016).
U.S. House of Reps. New Committee on Regulation	 NRWA submits list of unnecessary federal regulations (3/21/2016).	Pending Congressional action
E-delivery of Tier II DBP Violations (from Kansas)	 NRWA request for Senate assistance (5/16/2016).	Pending Congressional action
EPA Watershed Trading for NPDES Savings	 NRWA requests trading for reducing NPDES burden (2/4/2016).	Pending EPA action.
Repeal of LCR in-home monitoring	 NRWA (John Sasur - MA) appointed to EPA LCR workgroup.	EPA Workgroup adopts NRWA policy (8/24/2016).
Water Resource Development Act of 2016	 NRWA (Robert Moore – OK) testifies in Senate (4/7/2016).	New CWA technical assistance (4/25/2016).
EPA Technical Assistance funding decrease	 (PL114-98) Law to limit EPA discretion signed (12/11/2015).	Increases EPA technical assistance if appropriated.
EPA's use of best science in rulemakings	 NRWA urges use of all science in new Arsenic Rule (12/19/2014).	Pending EPA action.
EPA regulation of finished water storage tanks	 NRWA urges agency to withdraw proposal (10/21/15).	No further action by EPA.
Water of U.S. Rule	 NRWA Amicus Brief in U.S. 6 th Circuit Court opposing rule (9/2016).	National stay of rule pending litigation.
Drinking Water SRF Reauthorization	 NRWA (Kirby Mayfield - MS) Testified in House of Representatives (10/22/2015).	H.R. 4653 increases SRF funding to small & rural communities (2/29/2016).
Sharing sensitive info on internet	 NRWA cautions EPA on publishing plant locations on net (10/21/15).	No further action by EPA.

NRWA Advocacy Saving You Money

\$5,000,000,000 – Strontium Rule

In December 2015, EPA delayed any final decision on a regulation for strontium. NRWA urged EPA to rewrite the proposed rule because it did not include any affordable compliance option for small and rural communities.

\$2,200,000,000 – Perchlorate Rule

In February 2016, an environmental group sued EPA for missing the compliance date for finalizing a new rule for perchlorate. NRWA has urged EPA to reverse its 2011 decision to craft a regulation and re-affirm the EPA's 2008 decision not to regulate perchlorate.

Recent NRWA Action and “Potential Cost Savings”:

- **Risk Management Plan** (In 2016, EPA proposed increases in the regulatory burden under this rule. NRWA is lobbying against the proposed EPA changes).
- **In-home Lead Monitoring** (In anticipation of a new rule in 2017, NRWA is lobbying to eliminate and replace homeowner testing).
- **Waters of the U.S. Rule** (The final rule was stayed by the U.S. Circuit Court in October, 2015. NRWA is filing a motion in the U.S. Circuit Court to repeal the rule).
- **Federal Storage Tanks Regulation** (An EPA proposal was made in November, 2014).
- **EPA Public Release of Water Utility Data** (In 2015, EPA proposed making water plant location data available on the internet. NRWA is lobbying against the release).

\$126,000,000 (annually) – Consumer Confidence Reports

In 2012, NRWA advocated for the e-delivery of CCRs. Following a supportive vote in the U.S. Senate, the EPA granted the option which will save millions of dollars each year.

\$25,678,187 (annually) – Revised Total Coliform Rule

In 2006, NRWA was selected for the federal committee to craft the new TCR. This figure represents the savings for not having to mail notices of violation for the TCR. The benefit of not having to send misleading public notices to the public is “priceless.”

\$11,550,871,000 – Retain Section 1926(b) Protection

In 2013, NRWA successfully opposed Congressional efforts to change this core protection for water service areas. This figure is the total USDA debt that is protected by 1926(b).

\$146,629,000 – Non-regulatory Cybersecurity Policy

Currently, NRWA is lobbying to stop legislation and new regulations mandating that water utilities adopt a federal cyber-security plan. This cost estimate is based on what it would cost for a consultant to implement such a plan in every small community water system.

\$3,000,000,000 – The Community Fire Safety Act 2013

In 2013, NRWA supported legislation to exempt fire hydrants from new lead standards which would have required the scrapping of already purchased fire hydrants.