



Fact Sheet

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Emergency Sources and Supply

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Background

With ever increasing emergency events such as drought conditions, wildfires, and flooding, the proposed rule sets new requirements for water systems that have an emergency source of supply. It converts long-standing guidance into rules for trucking water in order to better protect public health and deliver safe drinking water to the water system's customers.

Emergency sources

The proposed rule contains requirements that apply to water systems that elect to maintain an emergency source. The rule requires documenting information in their emergency response program including source characteristics, engineering design approval, a water quality monitoring schedule, and procedures to activate the emergency source. Requirements include identifying the actions a water system must complete to have an emergency source either physically connected or physically disconnected to their distribution system when not in use.

Trucking water

The proposed rule establishes requirements for water systems that want to use trucked water as an emergency drinking water supply. The water must be from an approved Group A public water supply, be treated to maintain a chlorine residual, and stored in an approved delivery truck or component of the water system. Before trucking water, the purveyor must get permission from the Department of Health or local health officer and must maintain necessary records.

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