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Group B Rule Revision: Status on New Approach

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Today's Briefing

- How People Get Drinking Water
- Two Regulatory Frameworks
- Group B Program to Date
- Contrast 2008 and 2009 Approach
- Looking Forward

How Washingtonians Get Their Water

System Classification	Number of Systems	Number of People Served
Large Group A	223	5,000,000
Small Group A <i>Less than 1,000 connections</i>	3,975	550,000
Group B <i>2 to 14 connections</i>	12,926	110,000
Single-family wells		~920,000

State population: 6,587,000 OFM estimate for 2008

Two Regulatory Frameworks

Group A

(Safe Drinking Water Act)

Monthly water quality sampling

Monitoring for 100+ contaminants

Certified operator

Inspections every 3-5 years

Annual operating permit

Demonstration of capacity

- ✓ Technical
- ✓ Managerial
- ✓ Financial

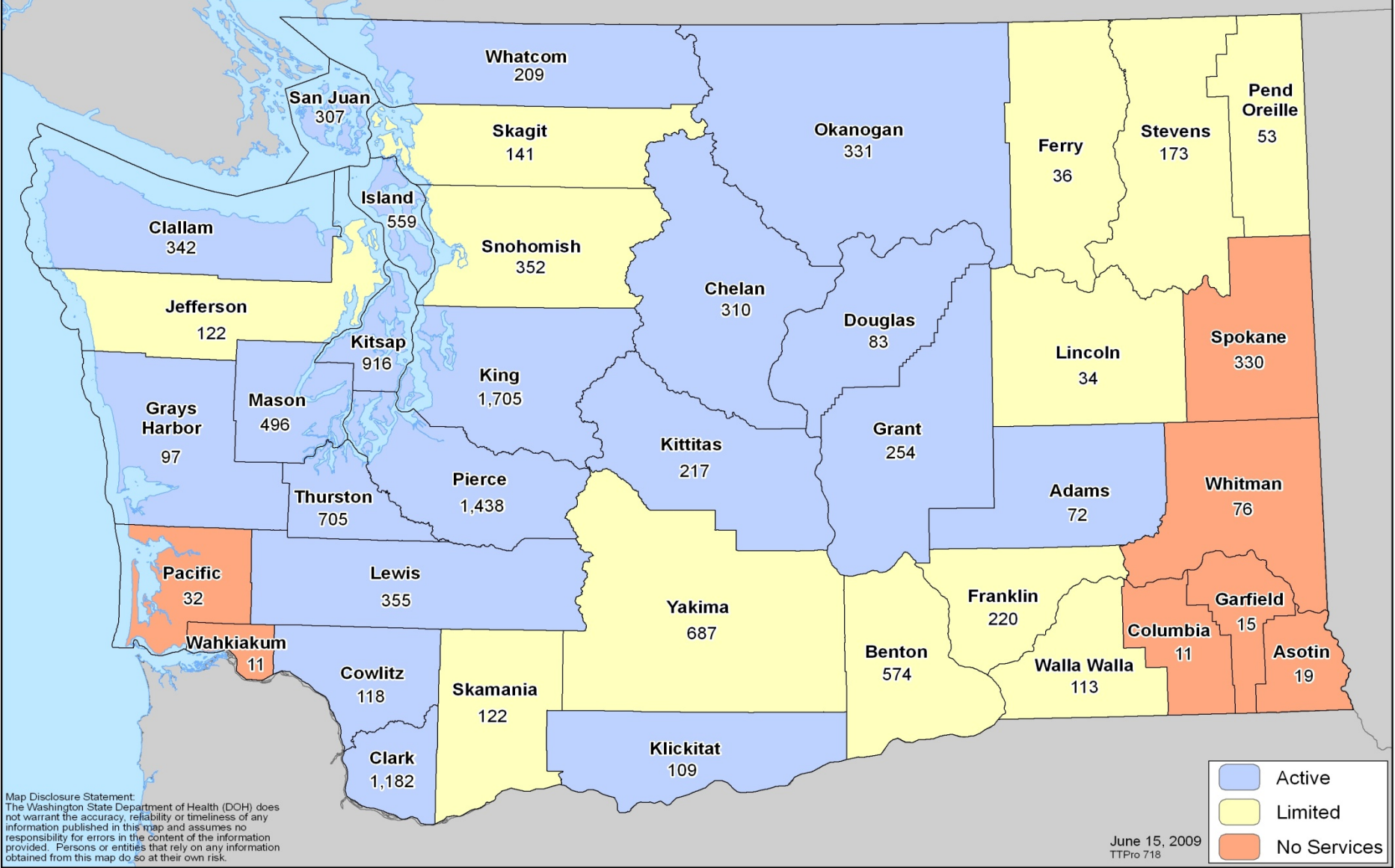
Group B

(RCW 70.119A)

- Annual Coliform Bacteria Sample
- Nitrate Sample every 3 years

Washington State Local Health Jurisdictions

Group B Water System Programs



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- Active
- Limited
- No Services

Recent Group B Rulemaking History

Date	Activity
June 2007	Executive Director signed CR-101
Jan-Mar 2008	DOH - LHJ workgroup created framework
Sept 2008	Five public forums held around state
Nov 2008	Presentation to SBOH
Dec 2008	Governor's Budget - Rulemaking on hold

Group B Regulatory Approach

2008	2009
Increase design rigor	Increase design rigor
Maintain local health flexibility	Maintain local health flexibility
Ongoing coliform and nitrate monitoring requirements	No ongoing monitoring requirements

Increased Design Rigor

Item	Detail
New Source Approval	Drilled wells only; no ongoing treatment for acute contaminants
Arsenic	Reduce standard from 50 ppb to 10 ppb
Water Quantity	Set minimum design flows in rule
Design Standards	Some design guidelines set in rule

Looking Forward

July-Oct 2009	Partner / Stakeholder Work
January 2010	Release Draft Rule for Public Comment
Spring 2010	Brief State Board of Health
Summer 2010	Finalize Draft Rule Language
Fall 2010	Public Hearing
December 2010	Rule Effective

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