

We work with others to protect the health of the people of Washington State by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water.

#### INTRO TO DRINKING WATER



Washington State Department of Health



#### What's the Value of Water?



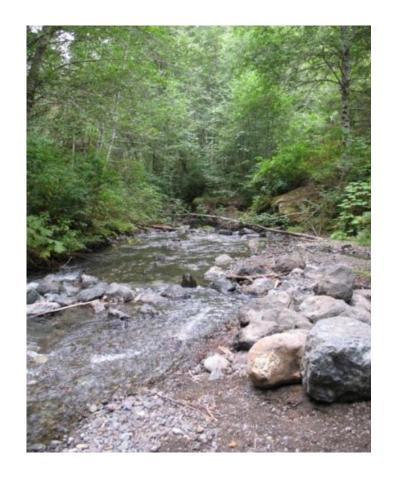
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### **Applicability**

Surface water – "a body of water open to the atmosphere and subject to surface runoff"

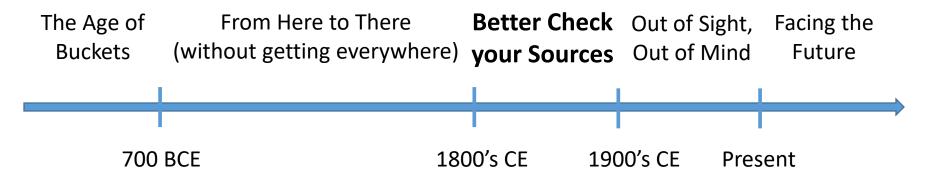
Excludes seawater sources, but not estuaries

Ground water under the direct influence of surface water (GWI)





#### Better Check Your Sources – Historical Cites



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#### **Federal Surface Water Rules**

Milwaukee Crypto Outbreak (1993) – over 400,000 people sick

SWTR (1989) (1998)

FBRR (2001)

LT1ESWTR (2002) LT2ESWTR (2006)

SWTR - Surface Water Treatment Rule

**IESWTR - Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule** 

FBRR - Filter Backwash Recycling Rule

LT1ESWTR - Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule

LT2ESWTR - Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule



## Cryptosporidiosis Outbreaks in SW Supplies

Location	Year	Type of System	Approximate Number of Cases
Carrollton, GA	1987	Treated Surface Water Supply	13,000
Jackson County, OR	1992	Medford-Chlorinated Spring Talent-Treated Surface Water Supply	15,000
Milwaukee, WI	1993	Treated Surface Water Supply	403,000
Cook County, MN	1993	Treated Surface Water Supply	27
Clark County, NV	1994	Treated Surface Water Supply	78
North Battleford, SK	2001	Treated Surface Water Supply	>1000
Baker City, OR	2013	Treated Surface Water Supply	2,780

## **Target Organisms**

Giardia lamblia

Viruses

Legionella, and

Heterotrophic Bacteria

Cryptosporidium – IESWTR, LT1ESWTR, and LT2ESWTR

Others??



### Treatment requirments

### Giardia and Virus removal + inactivation =

- At least 99.9% (3 Log) Giardia cysts
- At least 99.99% (4 Log) Viruses

At least 99% (2 Log) *Cryptosporidium* oocysts Treatment Technique Requirements

- Disinfect
- Filter or meet avoidance criteria

### **Qualified Operators**



# **Turbidity**

#### What is it and why do we measure it?

- A measurement of the cloudiness caused by particulate matter.
- Measured in Nephlometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) (USEPA Method 180.1)
- Monitoring is used to:
  - Show how efficiently the filtration system is working (rapid rate)
  - Ensure levels won't interfere with disinfection



### **Surface Water Treatment**

Every treatment plant has a limit of turbidity it can

treat

Slow sand: 10 NTU with roughing filter

ODiatomaceous Earth: 20 NTU

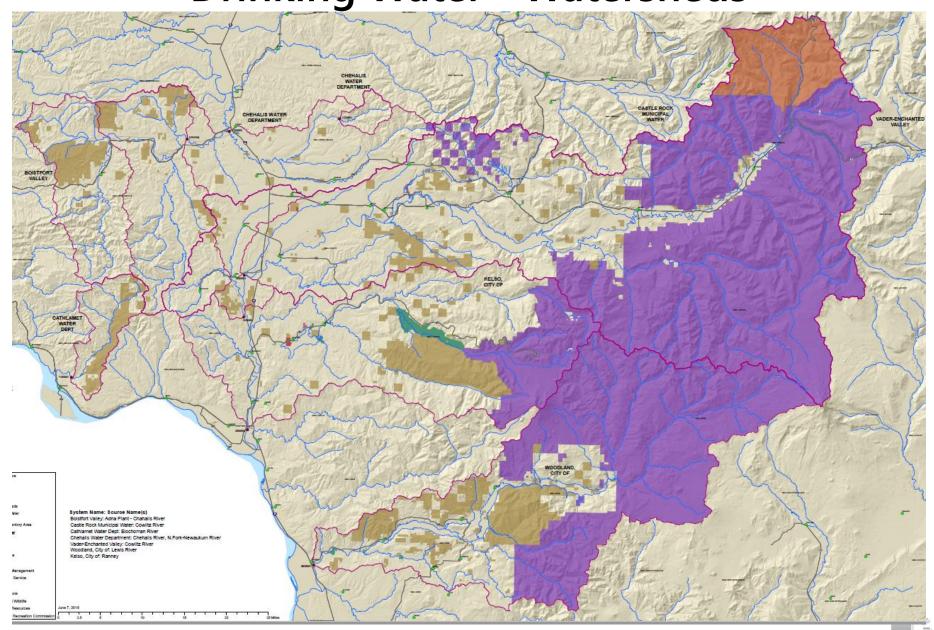
• Rapid rate: 30 NTU

• Membranes: 80 to 100 NTU





**Drinking Water—Watersheds** 







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Reduction in water borne disease added more to life expectancy than all of recent modern medicine....

