

“Introduction to Sanitary Surveys” workshop



Group A Public Water Systems (PWS) are regulated by the federal, state, and local regulations. A Sanitary Survey evaluates a water system's records, facilities, and processes to determine if conditions currently present a public health hazard or could potentially lead to future hazards. All WA Group A PWSs must submit to a sanitary system on an either 3 or 5 year schedule. With help of sanitary surveys public water systems can identify and address areas that currently or in the future may create a risk to public health protection.

In this workshop we will discuss the 8 components addressed during every routine Sanitary Survey:

- Planning & management documentation
- Operator certification status
- Source & sanitary control area
- Source pumps & pumping facilities
- Source treatment procedures & equipment
- Pressure tanks
- Finished water storage
- Distribution system and cross connection control program

In addition, we will explore how to prepare for a sanitary survey, respond to sanitary survey findings, report violations, and how to communicate with your regulator.

