

# "How to Prepare for a Sanitary Survey" Workshop

Group A Public Water Systems (PWS) are regulated by 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 survey, which are usually conducted 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 core components addressed during routine Sanitary Surveys:

1. Planning & management documentation
2. Operator certification status
3. Source & sanitary control area
4. Source pumps & pumping facilities
5. Source treatment procedures & equipment
6. Pressure tanks
7. Finished water storage
8. Distribution system and cross connection control program

In addition, we will explore how to prepare for Sanitary Surveys, respond to Sanitary Survey findings, report violations, and how to communicate with your regulator.