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## **North Dakota 2018 Drinking Water Compliance Report Published**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality has released its 2018 Drinking Water Compliance Report on North Dakota’s public water systems.

The state’s public water systems maintain an excellent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance record with 98 percent meeting all health-based standards. All community water systems have undergone a sanitary survey within the past three years. In 2018, the department issued certificates of compliance to 271 public water systems.

“The purpose of the annual report is to improve consumer awareness of drinking water compliance issues,” said Greg Wavra, administrator of the department’s Drinking Water Program. “People served by systems with SDWA violations in 2018 should have been informed by their water suppliers.”

All SDWA violations incurred in North Dakota in 2018 are included in the report. Also listed are violations recorded in 2019 based on 2018 monitoring data. “It’s important to understand that the majority of violations referred to in the 2018 report have been resolved,” Wavra said. “It is a significant challenge for public water systems and states to meet the ever-increasing number of requirements of the SDWA.”

To obtain a copy of the 2018 Drinking Water Compliance Report, write to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Municipal Facilities, 918 E. Divide Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947, or call 701-328-5211. The report also can be viewed on the department’s website at <https://deq.nd.gov/MF/>. Click on DWP Publications under Drinking Water Program.

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