

Water Division Goals for 2009-11 Biennium

Objective 3: To protect drinking water and groundwater resources for both human and ecosystem health.

Public Water Supply

DG 1 Protect public health and safety, and the state's groundwater resources, by ensuring wells are constructed according to Department regulations.	
PM 1	Inspect at least 850 wells (5% of the 17,000 wells typically constructed each year) while the wells are under construction, assess trends, and take appropriate compliance and enforcement activities.
PM 2	By December 31, 2009, develop and implement an Oracle-based data system to track well driller and pump installer inspections and any associated violations.
DG 2 Protect public health and safety by ensuring public water systems are properly operated and maintained.	
PM 1	Perform a detailed inspection at every public water system at least once every five years.
PM 2	Begin tracking significant deficiencies, found during municipal sanitary surveys, by December 2008.
DG 3 Protect public health and safety by reviewing community water system facilities prior to construction.	
PM 1	Perform a timely, detailed, review of plans for additions and modifications to community water systems. These plans must be reviewed in 90 days or less. The goal is for plans to be reviewed in 45 days.
DG 4 Protect public health and safety by ensuring that all public water systems meet drinking water quality standards.	
PM 1	Assure that at least 90% of Wisconsin's population, served by public water systems, receives drinking water that meets all health-based standards established as of January 1, 2000.
DG 5 Protect public health and safety by ensuring that all public water systems are sampled at the appropriate frequency.	
PM 1	Assure that at least 90% of Wisconsin's public water systems conduct all required monitoring and reporting during the calendar year.
PM 2	Assure that notices of non-compliance and/or violation are issued for all public water violations.
DG 6 Protect public health and safety, and the state's groundwater resources, by reviewing plans for high capacity wells prior to construction.	
PM 1	Perform a timely review of all plans for wells that have a capacity to pump greater than 100,000 gallons/day (high capacity wells). These plans must be reviewed in 65 working days or less. The goal is for plans to be reviewed in 35 days.

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Groundwater Management

DG 7	Protect outstanding resource waters, exceptional resource waters, any class I, II, or III trout stream, and springs from excessive groundwater withdrawal.
PM 1	Evaluate all high capacity wells proposed within a groundwater protection area to assure that the well does not cause significant environmental impact.
DG 8	Obtain and manage statewide water use data necessary to implement the registration, reporting, water management, and water conservation and efficiency programs mandated by the Great Lakes Compact.
PM 1	Increase the percent of water use reporting for high capacity wells statewide to 80% in 2010 and 100% in 2011, prioritizing efforts in the Great Lakes Basin.
PM 2	Establish water use reporting for surface water withdrawals exceeding an average of 100,000 gallons per day in any 30-day period and achieve an 80% compliance rate in 2010 and a 90% in 2011.
DG 9	Promulgate administrative rules to implement Wisconsin's Great Lakes Compact legislation (2007 Wisconsin Act 227).
PM 1	By January 2011, promulgate final administrative rules related to statewide water use registration and reporting; Great Lakes water diversions; general water use permit requirements; individual water use permit requirements; public notice and hearing requirements; water supply service area planning; and water conservation and efficiency.