

Download Drinking Water: Information On The Quality Of Water Found At Community Water Systems And Private Wells

Water Quality. The United States has one of the safest water supplies in the world. If you are among the 286 million Americans that get their water from a community water system, your tap water is regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Drinking water quality in the United States is generally good. In 2016, over 90 percent of the nation's community water systems were in compliance with all more-than-90 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards. Over 286 million Americans get their tap water from a community water system. Community Water Treatment. Drinking water supplies in the United States are among the safest in the world. However, even in the U.S., drinking water sources can become contaminated, causing sickness and disease from waterborne germs, such as Cryptosporidium, E. coli, Hepatitis A, Giardia intestinalis, and other pathogens. The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) is the federal law that regulates the quality of public drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established national health-based standards to protect residents from both natural and man-made contaminants that may be found in drinking water.