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North Dakota Department of Health Releases 2016 Drinking Water Compliance Report

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has released the 2016 Drinking Water Compliance Report providing information about the state’s public water systems.

North Dakota public water systems maintain an excellent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance record. Ninety-seven percent of public water systems meet all health-based standards, and 100 percent of all community water systems have undergone a comprehensive sanitary survey/inspection within the past three years. The NDDoH issued certificates of compliance to 280 public water systems in 2016.

“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 2016 should have been informed of those violations by their water suppliers.”

The report includes SDWA violations in 2016, as well as violations recorded in 2017 based on 2016 monitoring data. “It’s important to understand that the majority of violations referred to in the 2016 report have been resolved,” Wavra said. “However, meeting the ever-increasing number of SDWA requirements will continue to be a challenge for smaller public water systems.”

To obtain a copy of the 2016 Drinking Water Compliance Report, write to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Municipal Facilities, 918 E. Divide Ave., Bismarck, N.D. 58501-1947, or call 701.328.5211. The report also can be viewed by clicking on “Publications” at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/mf>.

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