# State and Regional Drinking Water Initiatives

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HELPING TO ENSURE SAFE AND RELIABLE



Division of Environmental Health Office of Drinking Water

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#### Mission

To protect the health of the people of Washington State by ensuring safe and reliable drinking water.

## **Flood Response**

# Green River / Howard Hanson Dam NW River Systems Office Evacuation Procedures

#### Compliance

Coliform ~ 4 systems
Surface Water / GWI ~ 5 systems
Arsenic ~ 65 systems
DBP ~ 11 systems
Lead & Copper ~ 45 systems

# Groundwater Rule Implementation

File Review
 Education
 Sanitary Surveys
 Technical Assistance

# **Appropriate Level of Planning**

Planning GMAP
 Acknowledge our Success
 Focus on Priorities
 Conserve Resources

# **Group B Water Systems**

- Lack of Funding
   Support for Local Health Jurisdictions
   Legislative Action
- Develop a New Regulation

#### Budget

 Out of the Loop
 NWRO Staffing Vacancies:

 1 Engineer, 1 Environmental Specialist, and 1 Receptionist

 Evaluate 3% Loss of General Funds
 Look to SRF

#### **NW** Issues

Nitrates in Whatcom County Aquifer
 Skagit River Instream Flows
 Camano Island Aquifer Decline
 ICS & Public Notification
 Tacoma Filtration Decision

# **Questions?**



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