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PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

Public Water System is defined as any source(s) or combination of sources owned or controlled by a person, that provides drinking water through pipes or other constructed conveyances to the public and that has at least fifteen (15) service connections or serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily for at least sixty (60) days out of the year.

Such term includes all collection, treatment, storage and distribution facilities under the control of the water supplier and used primarily in connection with such system, and any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system. Public water system shall also mean any part of a system which does not provide drinking water, if use of such a part could affect the quality or quantity of the drinking water supplied by the system. Public water system shall also mean a system which bottles drinking water for public distribution and sale (see also [Domestic Bottled Water System \(/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems/domestic-bottled-bulk\)](#)).

- **[Public Community water system \(/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems/ntncws\)](#) (PCWS)** means a public water system which serves at least fifteen (15) service connections used by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.
- **[Public Non-Transient Non-Community water system \(/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems/ntncws\)](#) (NTNC)** means a public water system that regularly serves at least 25 or more of the same persons daily for more than six months per year. Examples: schools, factories, office buildings.
- **[Public Transient Non-Community water system \(/water/drinking-water/public-drinking-water-systems/tncws\)](#) (TNC)** means a public water system that serves at least 25 or more different people for more than sixty days of the year. Examples: restaurants, motels, campgrounds.

Drinking Water Training Videos

[\(https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/dwgwp/\)](https://anrweb.vt.gov/DEC/dwgwp/)

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