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Statement of Policy on Public Water Supply Matters

Reclaimed Water for Public Water Supply Purposes

The American Water Works Association encourages responsible use of reclaimed water instead of potable water for irrigation, industrial, and other non-potable uses within a public drinking water supplier's service area when such use can reduce the demands placed on limited supplies of potable water.

In cases where raw water supply sources are limited, AWWA recognizes the value of indirect use of reclaimed water to supplement existing raw water sources. These waters must receive appropriate subsequent treatment and be acceptable to health authorities and water users.

AWWA encourages continued research to improve treatment technology, monitoring techniques, and the development of health-based drinking water standards that assure the safe use of reclaimed water.

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