What is AWWA?

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) is the world’s largest educational and scientific organization dedicated to a better world through better water. More than 50,000 association members work as community water providers, federal and state regulators, environmentalists, academics, scientists, consultants, engineers, and manufacturers. They reside in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. territories. Our 4,300 utility members serve more than 80 percent of the U.S. population. The association proudly sponsors educational programs, research, and scientific and technical publications used to assure the quality of the water we use. In other words, we provide total water solutions to effectively manage water, world’s most important resource.

For more than a century, AWWA has pooled the expertise of its members to devise standards, manuals of practice, and technical conferences to assure that the water sector has the information it needs to anticipate and overcome threats to American public health. In 1999, the Centers for Disease Control recognized disinfection of public water supplies as one of the five most important public health achievements of the 20th Century.

We strive to display excellence and integrity in our work in protecting public health and the environment.

As Congress considers initiatives to build upon these historic advances, AWWA is ready to provide Congress with the best information available on the state of water today and the challenges that remain. Whether the issue is water quality, conservation, infrastructure, source water protection, contaminant listing, health research, or treatment practices, AWWA has materials and experts ready to assist you. Feel free to contact AWWA government affairs staff when your work turns to water issues.

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