



**Department  
of Health**

# **Current and Upcoming Activities for Drinking Water Protection in NYS**

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# Bureau of Water Supply Protection

**Mission:** *To protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors of New York State through regulatory oversight and implementation, technical support, and response activities for public drinking water systems, bulk and bottled water facilities, private/non-public wells, on-site waste treatment systems, recreational water engineering (i.e. pools and spray parks), and through research of emerging water supply issues.*



# Bureau of Water Supply Protection

## Objectives:

- Regulate 9,600± public drinking water supplies & commercial bottled water suppliers
- Train & Certify
- Develop Standards & Policies
- Review Designs
- Administer Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Oversee *Legionella* response
- Conduct Research & Investigations of emerging drinking water issues



# Governor's Statewide Water Quality Rapid Response Team

- Co-chaired by Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker and Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos
- Identify and address critical drinking water contamination concerns across the state
- Since creation, the State has taken significant steps to reduce exposures to contaminants in the drinking water supply and to hold polluters accountable
- Preparing a comprehensive Action Plan to address water quality issues that will include recommendations to strengthen the state's existing programs

## Lead in Schools

On September 6, 2016, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation requiring all school districts in NYS test potable water systems for lead contamination and take responsive actions.



- Requires public and BOCES schools test all potable water outlets that may be used for drinking
- NYS will be the first state in the nation to complete lead testing in all school districts by the end of 2016
- Meeting with stakeholders and accepting comments on accompanying emergency regulation

# Legionella

- Approximately 9,000 cooling towers registered in the Statewide Cooling Tower database (available on Health Data NY)
- Registry and Regulation provisions used during Legionellosis investigations
- Developing guidance for local health departments and the regulated community



# Drinking Water Regulatory Plans for 2017

- Part 5 Updates
- Require Public Water Systems to test for unregulated contaminants
- Require testing of private wells upon sale of property, periodically by landlords, and upon construction of a new well



**Thank you!**

**Questions?**

