



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:
July 1, 2010

For More Information, Contact:
LeeAnn Tillotson, Environmental Scientist
Drinking Water Program
North Dakota Department of Health
Phone: 701.328.5211
E-mail: ltillots@nd.gov

North Dakota Department of Health Releases 2009 Drinking Water Compliance Report

BISMARCK, N.D. – Information about North Dakota’s public water systems is available in the newly released 2009 Drinking Water Compliance Report prepared by the North Dakota Department of Health.

North Dakota public water systems maintain an excellent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance record. In 2009, the Department of Health issued 272 certificates of compliance to operators and public water systems.

“The purpose of the annual report is to improve consumer awareness of drinking water compliance issues,” said Larry Thelen, administrator of the department’s Drinking Water Program. “People served by systems that incurred Safe Drinking Water Act violations in 2009 should have been informed of those violations by their water suppliers.”

All SDWA violations incurred in North Dakota in 2009 are included in the report. Also listed are violations recorded in 2010 and based on 2009 monitoring data.

“It’s important to understand that the majority of violations referred to in the 2009 report have been resolved,” Thelen said. “It is a significant challenge for public water systems and states to meet the ever-increasing number of requirements of the SDWA.”

To obtain a copy of the 2009 Drinking Water Compliance Report, write to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Municipal Facilities; 918 E Divide Ave, 3rd Floor; Bismarck, N.D. 58501-1947, or call 701.328.5211. A summary of the report can be viewed on the department’s website at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/mf>.

-- 30 --

Please note: To access archived news releases and other information, visit the North Dakota Department of Health Press Room at www.nddohpressroom.gov.