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# Water Quality Monitoring and Regulations: Is my water safe to drink?

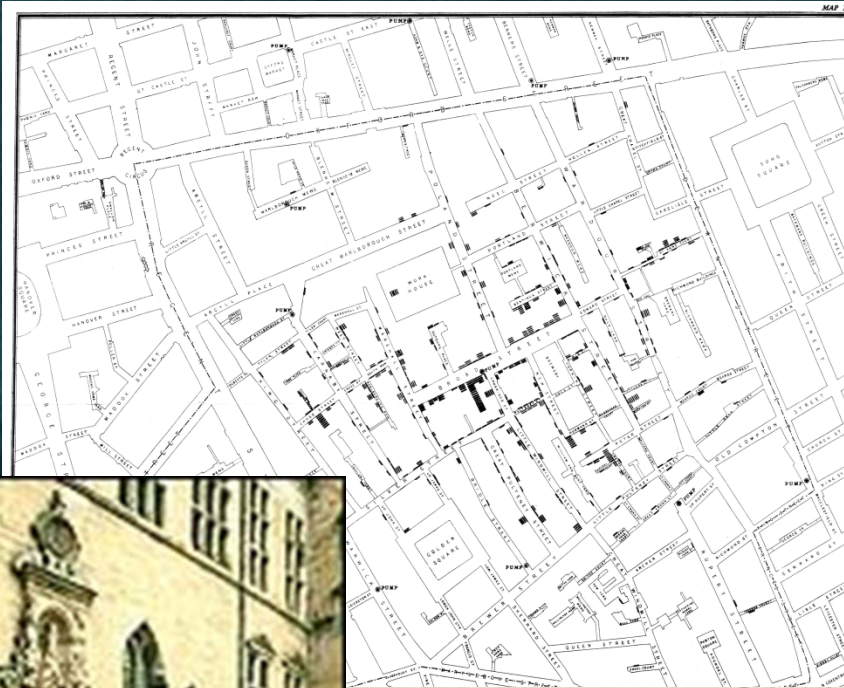
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# Early recognition of waterborne pathogens



**“Monster Soup commonly called Thames Water”**: Colored engraving by William Heath (1828), published by T. McLean. In the nineteenth century, sewage and waste contaminated the River Thames in London, making it a prime source of waterborne diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

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**Broad Street Pump**: In Soho, London during a cholera outbreak in 1854, Dr. John Snow traced the illness source to a popular well on Broad Street. He removed the pump handle and the outbreak ceased.

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# Celebrating >100 Years

Since The First Drinking Water  
Regulation

## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS

VOL. XXVII.

NOVEMBER 1, 1912.

No. 44.

### COMMON DRINKING CUPS.

#### AMENDMENT TO INTERSTATE QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, October 30, 1912.

*To medical officers of the Public Health Service, State and local health  
authorities, and others concerned.*

## THE PUBLIC DRINKING CUP MUST GO! THE CUP=CAMPAIGNER

A militant little paper published at intervals by persons striving to banish that most prolific medium for spreading disease—the public drinking cup; containing authentic reports of the rulings of health officials, the growth of public sentiment through the press and other developments of the crusade.

VOL. 1.

AUGUST, 1910.

No. 2.

“SPARE THE LITTLE CHILDREN!”



From the Kansas City Post.

Forty state boards of health agree that the dangerous public drinking cup should be abolished. *Help them do it!*

**FIGURE 1. Crude death rate\* for infectious diseases — United States, 1900–1996†**

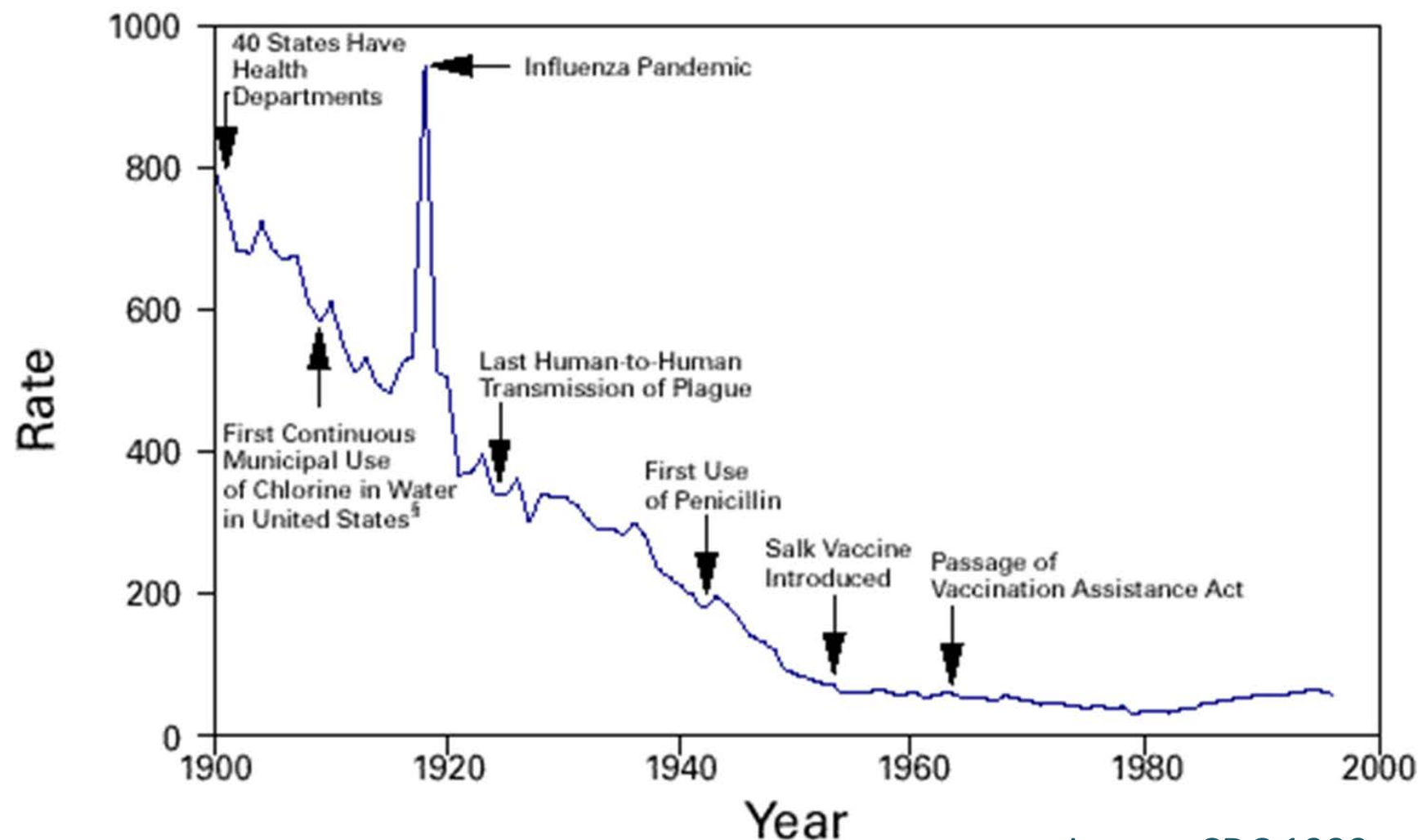


Image: CDC 1999

\*Per 100,000 population per year.

†Adapted from Armstrong GL, Conn LA, Pinner RW. Trends in infectious disease mortality in the United States during the 20th century. JAMA 1999;281:61–6.

§American Water Works Association. Water chlorination principles and practices: AWWA manual M20. Denver, Colorado: American Water Works Association, 1973.

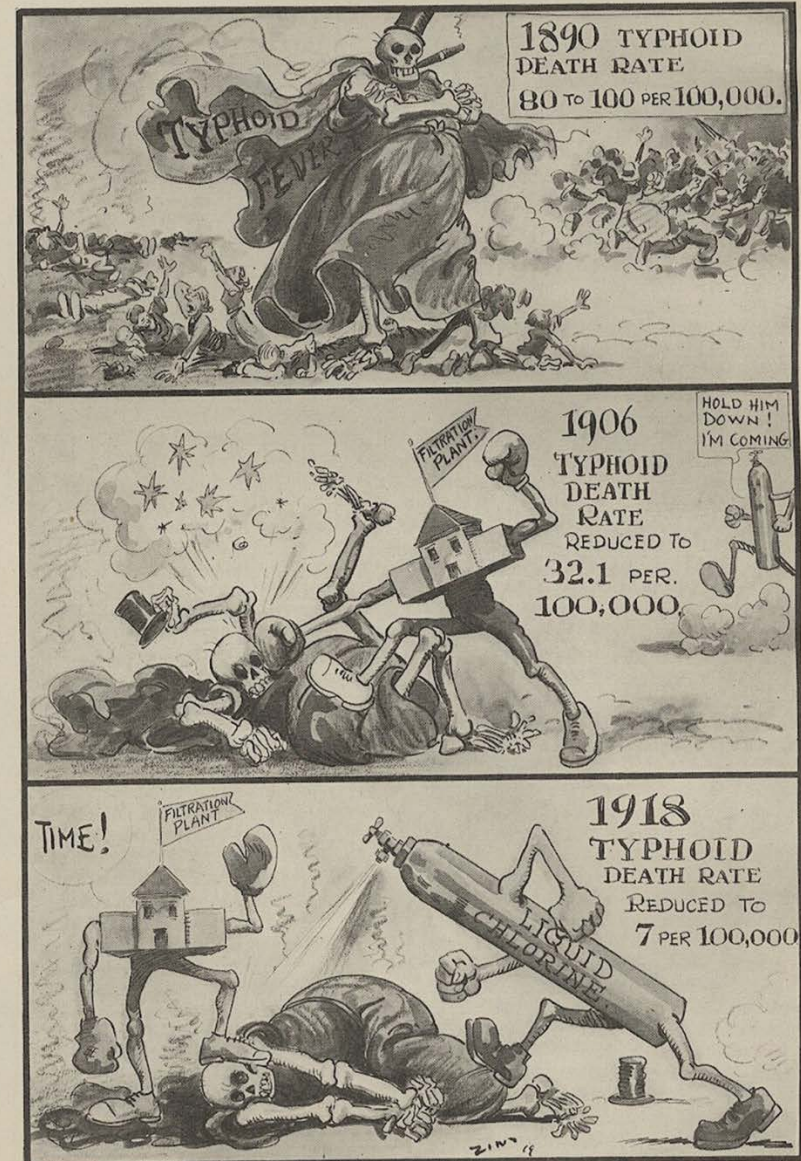


# ..and 42 Years

Of the Safe Drinking Water Act  
(SDWA)

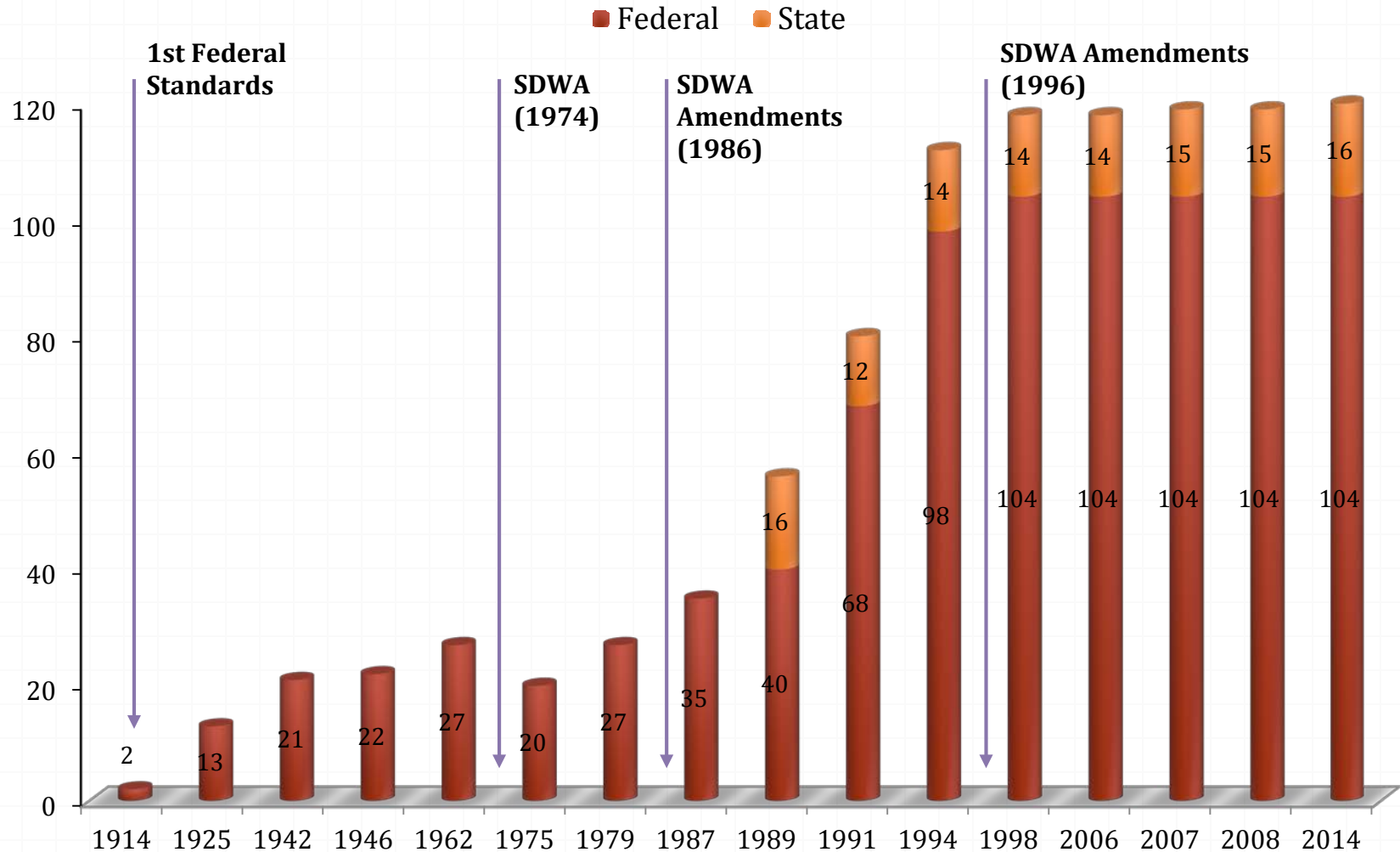
## 1974 to 2016

### Is Your City in the Vanguard Fighting Water-Borne Typhoid?



Cartoon drawn specially for THE AMERICAN CITY by Zim

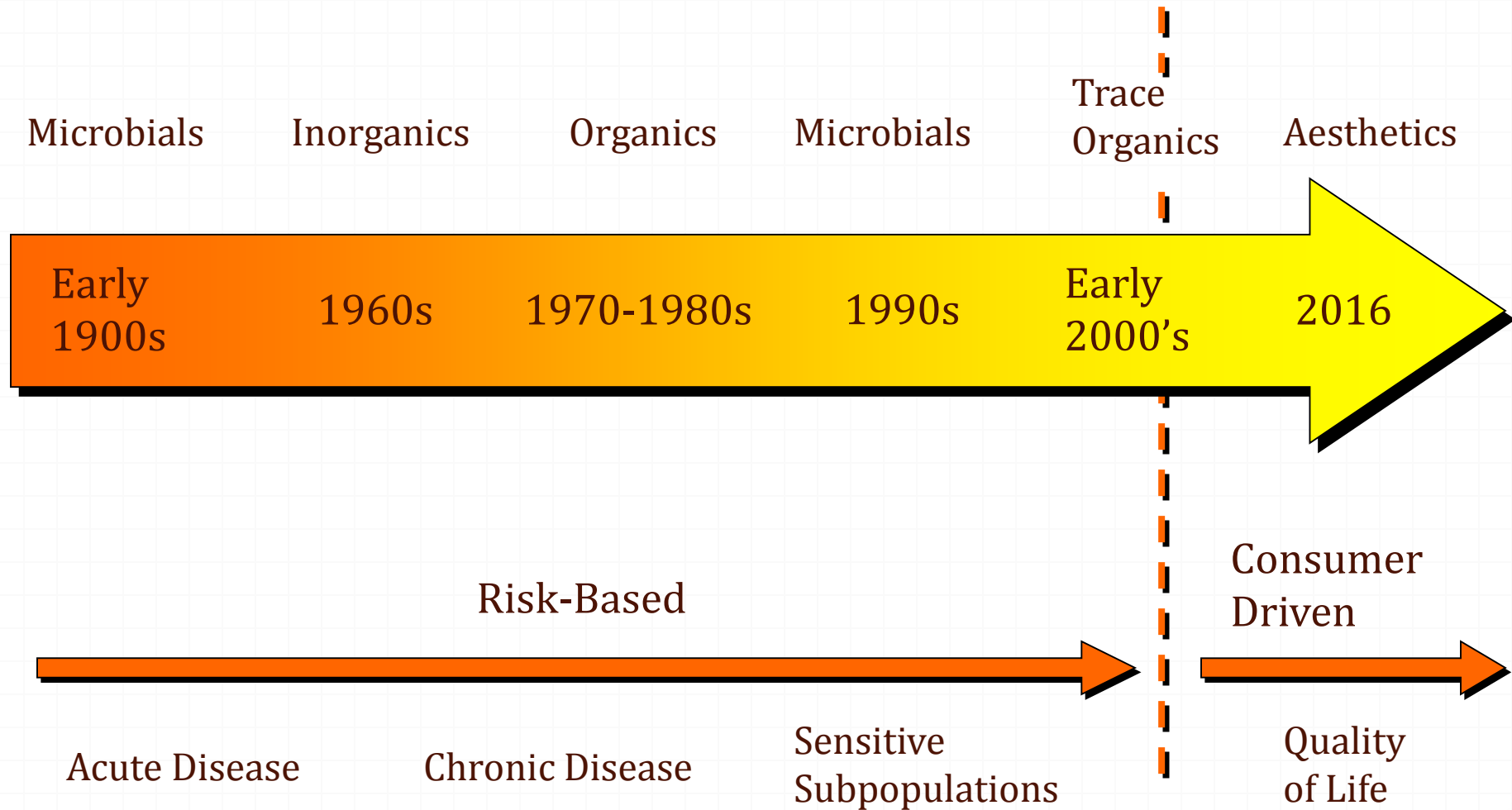
# Timeline of Regulated Contaminants (1914 to 2016)



**There are 97 chemicals or chemical groups and 12 microbial contaminants under consideration for future regulation under CCL-4**

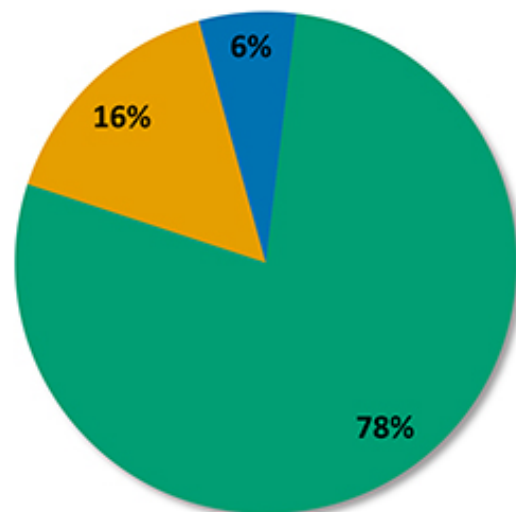
# From Health Driven to Consumer Driven

## Historical Water Quality Emphasis

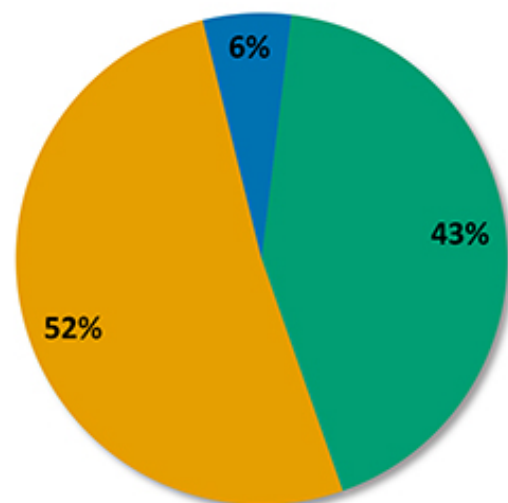


# Water Systems Associated with Drinking Water Outbreaks\* and Outbreak-related Cases†, Waterborne Disease and Outbreak Surveillance System, 2011–2012

**Outbreaks (N = 32)**



**Cases (N = 431)**



■ Community  
■ Noncommunity  
■ Bottled

\*N=32

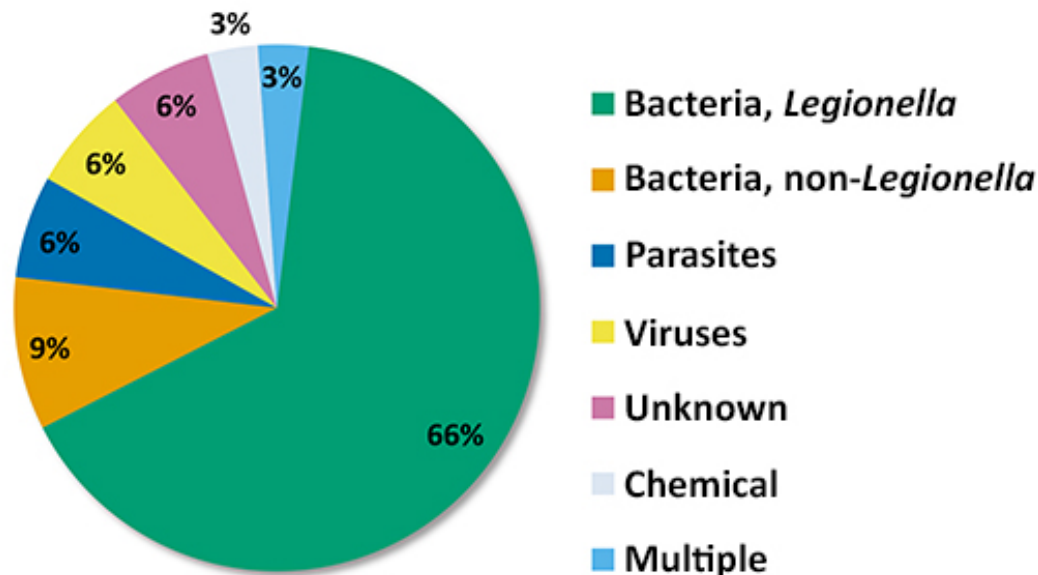
†N=431



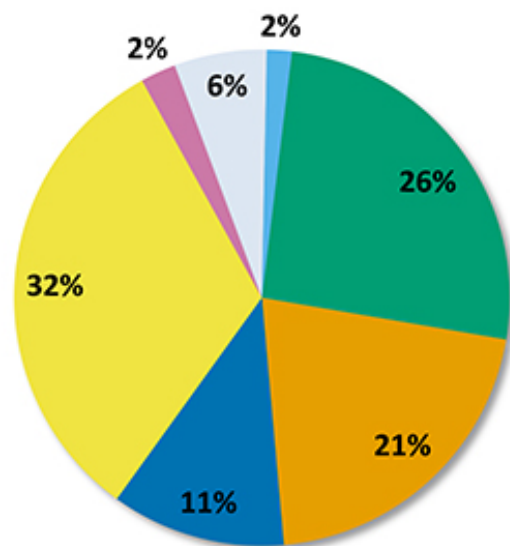


# Etiology of Drinking Water Outbreaks\* and Outbreak-related Cases†, Waterborne Disease and Outbreak Surveillance System, 2011–2012

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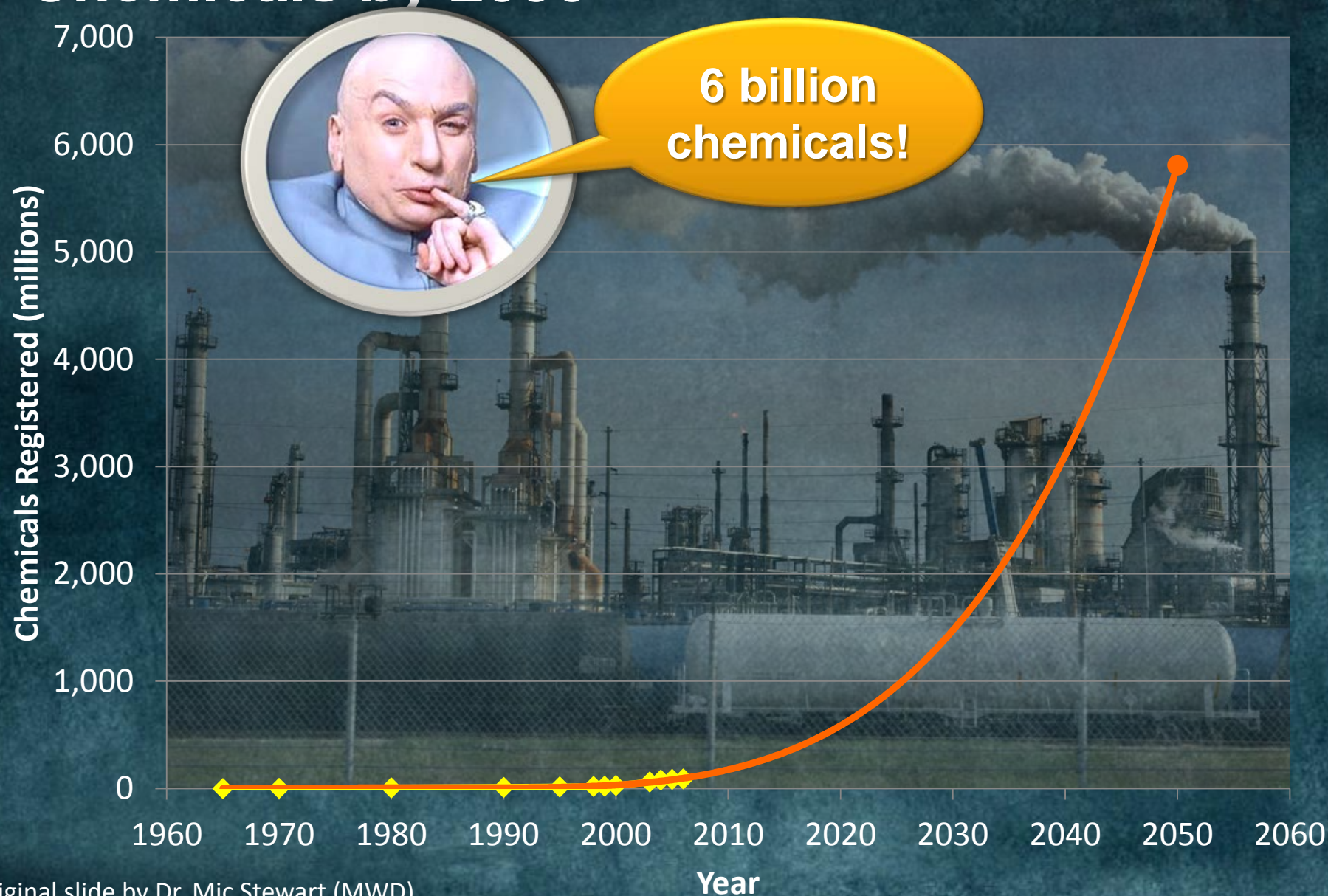
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# Projected Number of Synthesized Chemicals by 2050





# Drinking water community must protect public health

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# Title 22 Water Uses and Treatment Issues

Water Use Key:

Agricultural Irrigation

Urban Irrigation

Other Urban Uses

Commercial and Industrial

Impoundments

Indirect Potable Reuse

Increasing Energy Demands

Increasing Capital and Operational/Maintenance Costs

Advanced<sup>c</sup>

- Advanced treated recycled water is now defined in the June 18, 2014, revision of Title 22 and is used for groundwater recharge, including groundwater injection for salinity barriers. Advanced treatment also will be considered as part of the surface reservoir augmentation and direct potable reuse efforts to be completed as part of SB 918 and SB 322.

Disinfected Tertiary

- Residential landscaping
- Golf courses
- Parks and playgrounds
- School yards
- Any other irrigation not specified in Title 22 and not prohibited by other California Water Code regulations

- Decorative fountains
- Toilet/Urinal flushing
- Structural firefighting

- Laundries
- Cooling or air conditioning
- Artificial snow-making
- Process water that may contact workers
- Car washes

- Recreational impoundments

- Groundwater recharge or salinity barrier injection allowed with case-by-case permits by RWQCBs

Disinfected Secondary-2.2<sup>d</sup>

- Food crops with surface irrigation, food portion above-ground and not in contact with recycled water

- Restricted recreational impoundments
- Publicly accessible fish hatcheries

Disinfected Secondary-23<sup>d</sup>

- Pastures for milk animals with human consumption
- Non-edible vegetation with access control
- Nurseries and sod farms with unrestricted access

- Cemeteries
- Freeway landscaping
- Golf courses with restricted access

- Dust control
- Road cleaning
- Non-structural firefighting

- Boiler feedwater
- Mixing concrete
- Some types of cooling or air conditioning
- Soil compaction
- Process water not in contact with workers

- Landscape impoundments without decorative fountains

Undisinfected Secondary

- Fodder and fiber crops
- Seed crops not eaten by humans
- Non-food-bearing trees

- Nurseries and sod farms, with limitations
- Food crops processed before human consumption

- Orchards or vineyards with no contact between edible portion and recycled water

- Sanitary sewer flushing

a: Based on California Code of Regulations Title 22, Section 60001 et seq.

b: Uses for increasing levels of treatment also include all uses for lower treatment levels.

c: Wastewater treated with reverse osmosis and advanced oxidation processes.

d: Recycled water with a median concentration of total coliform bacteria not exceeding a most probable number of 2.2 or 23 per 100 milliliters (see California Code of Regulations, Title 22).



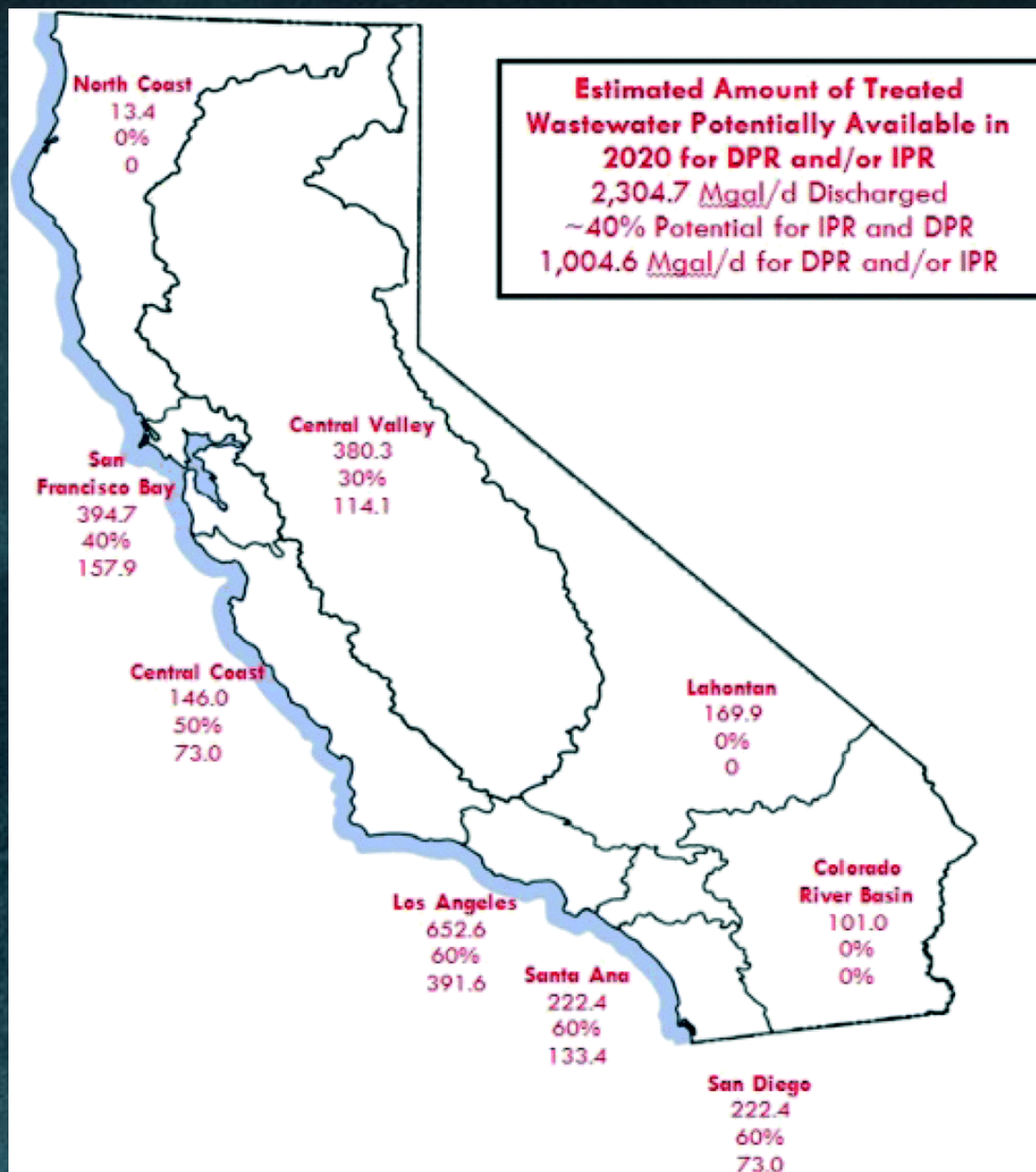
# Water Quality Monitoring

- **Recycled Water**

- Pathogens (bacteria & viruses)
- Salinity
- Nitrogen compounds
- Permit limits for organic and inorganic substances
- Monitoring for PCPs, household chemicals and detergents, fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, hormones, and sometimes other CECs

- **Drinking Water**

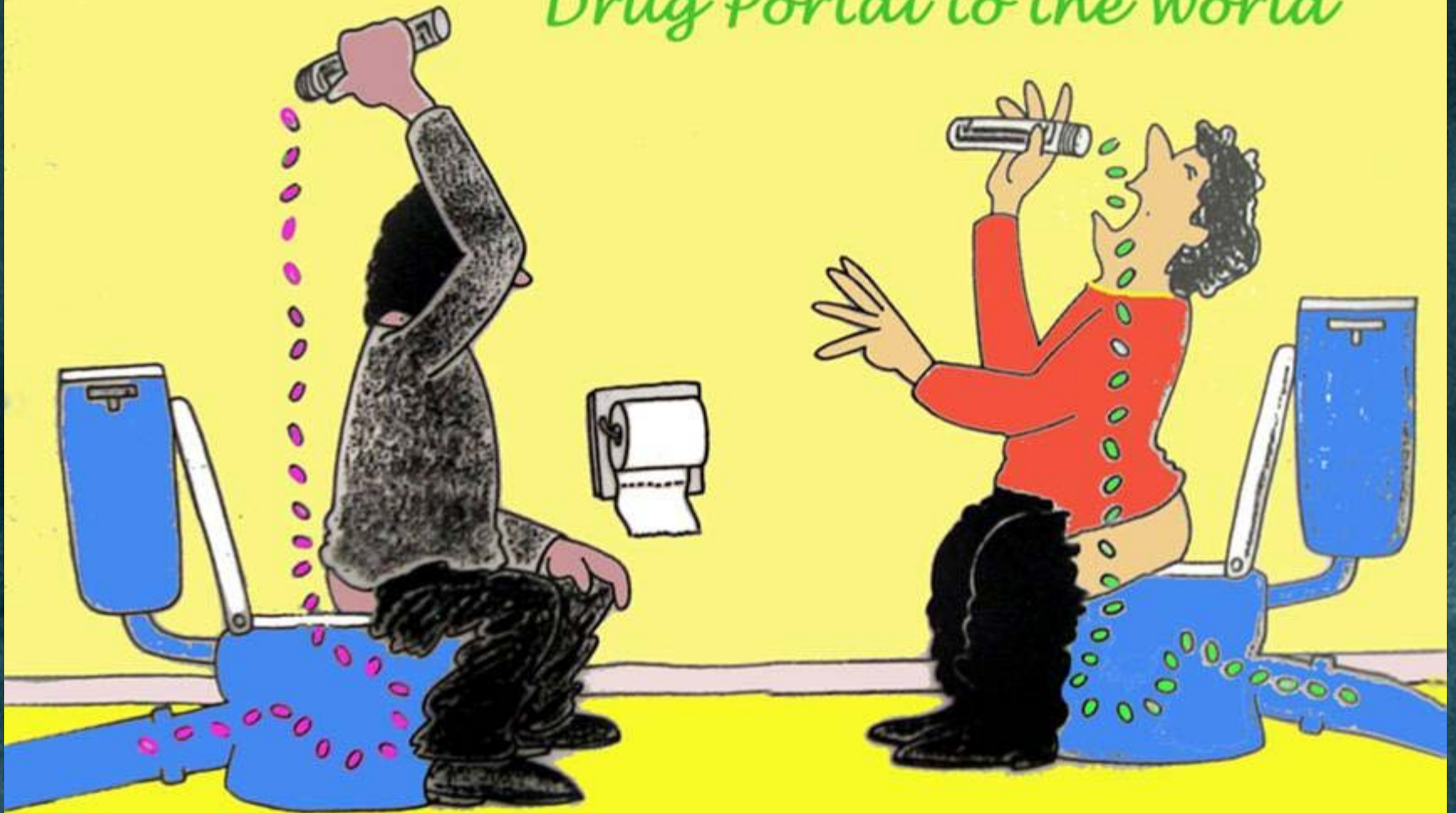
- Source water protection
- Pathogens (bacteria, viruses, protozoa)
- Federal MCLs for 90 constituents
  - For health-related organic, inorganic, and radionuclide constituents
- State MCLs for 13 additional constituents



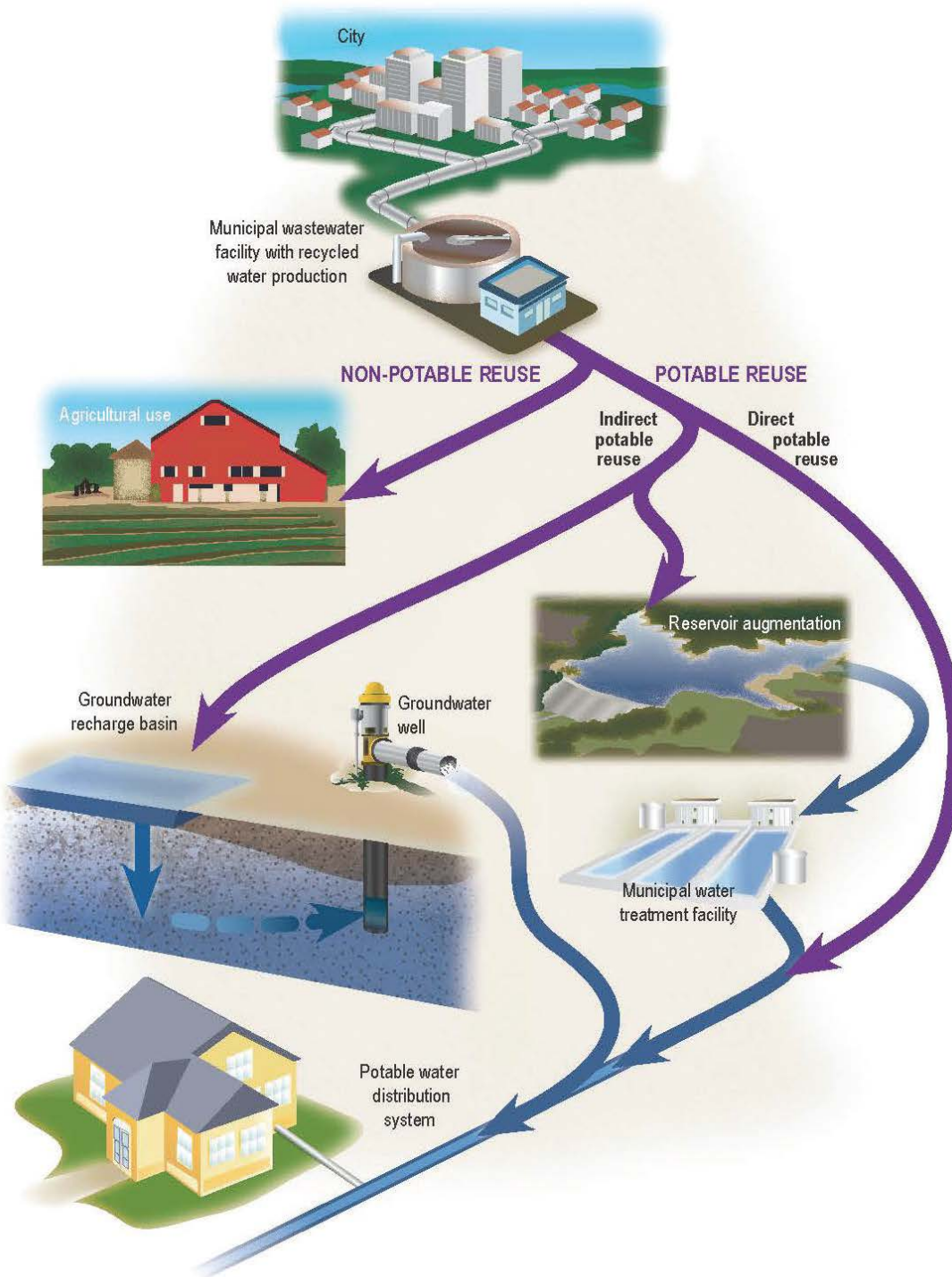
**Estimate >1,000  
Mgal/day unrecycled  
treated municipal  
wastewater available**



## *Drug Portal to the World*



adapted by Daughton from Ternes (April 2000)

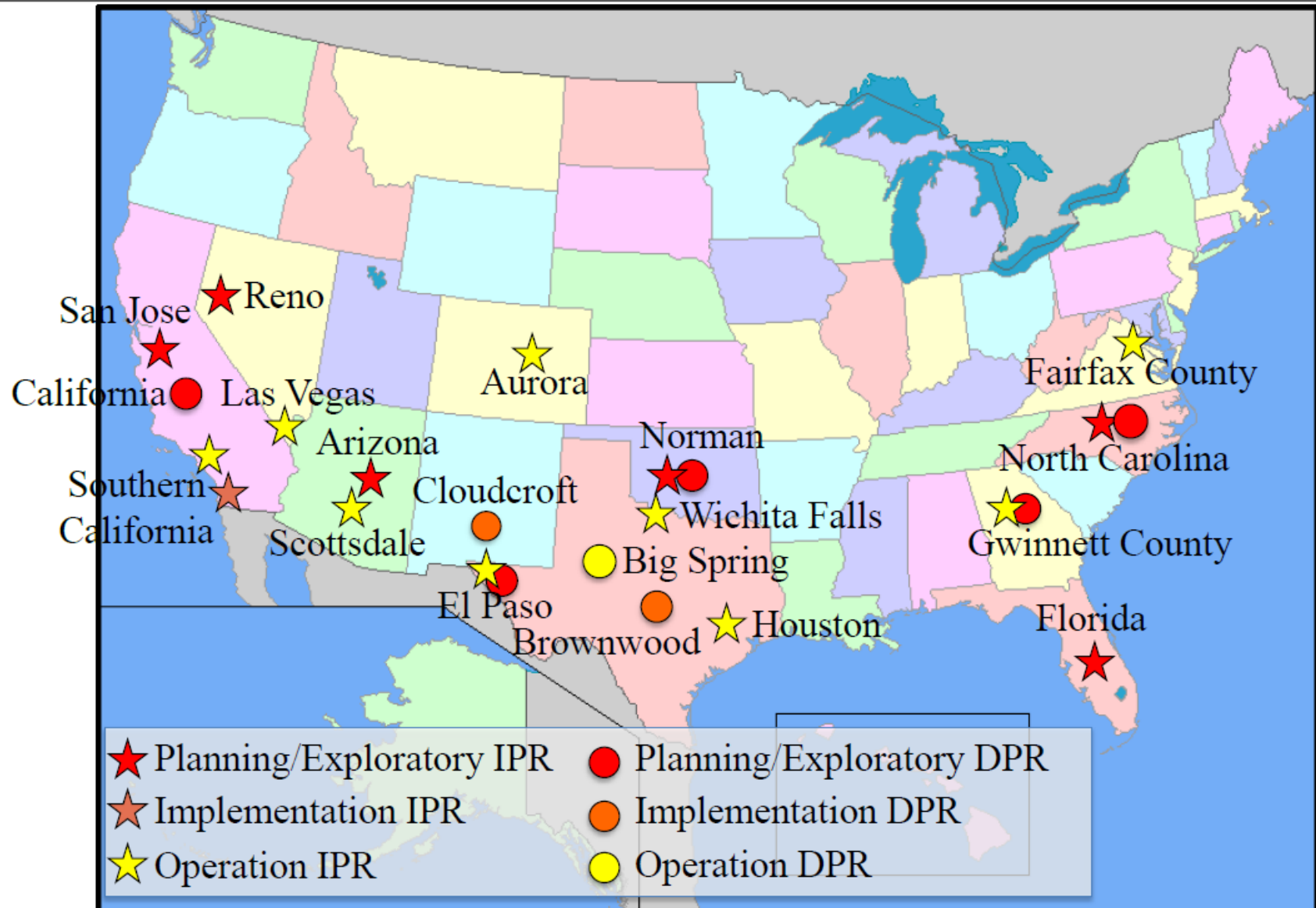


# Potable and Non-Potable Municipal Recycled Water

Figure Source: CaDWR 2016. Municipal Recycled Water: A Resource Management Strategy of the California Water Plan.



# Potable Reuse Systems in the U.S.



National Water Reuse Institute (NWRI), WaterReuse Association, and WE&RF critical for the success of these projects

Slide source: Gerrity, Daniel. 2015. Early Career Award Presentation: Framework for Quantifying Microbial Risk and Sustainability of Potable Reuse Systems in the United States. UNLB

# Rigorous Water Quality Monitoring Program

Revised August 11, 2016												
changes to schedule are printed in reverse text												
Bold are regulatory required samples; others are for process monitoring												
	Q-1	MFF	MFE-	MFC	ROF	ROP-	ROC	UVF	UVP-	DPW	FPW	OC-44
EC	2WG/MC		QG		2WG	2WG			WG	2WG	DG	MG
TDS	WC				WG	WG	WG		WG		WG	MG
pH	2WG	2WG/COL	2WG		2WG	2WG	MG		2WG		2WG/COL	MG
Na	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		MG	MG
K/Mg	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		MG	MG
Ca	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		WG	MG
Ca Hardness											WG	MG
Fe	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		AG/QG	QG
Mn	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		AG/QG <sup>3</sup>	MG <sup>3</sup>
Trace Elements <sup>1</sup>	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		QG	QG <sup>1</sup>
Priority Pollutants <sup>2</sup>										WG	QG	QG
NH <sub>3</sub> -N / Org-N / TKN	WG				WG	WG					2WG	MG
Total Alkalinity	MC				MG	MG			MG	2WG	WG	MG
OH/CO <sub>3</sub> /HCO <sub>3</sub>					MG	MG			MG	2WG	MG	MG
TH	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG	WG	MG	MG
F	MC										QG	QG
Cl	MC				MG	MG		MG	MG		MG	MG
Br											MG	MG
NO <sub>3</sub> -N	2WG				WG	WC			WC		2WG/MG	MG
NO <sub>2</sub> -N	2WG				WG	WC			WC		2WG/MG	MG
NO <sub>3</sub> +NO <sub>2</sub> -N	2WG				WG	HWC			WG		2WG	MG
Total Nitrogen											2WG	MG
PO <sub>4</sub> -P (ortho)	WC						WG				QG	QG
SO <sub>4</sub>	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		MG	MG
B	MC				WG	WG			MC		QG	MG
SiO <sub>2</sub>	MC				MG	MG	MG		MG		QG	QG
BOD*	QC									WG		
Inorganic DBPs											QG	QG
TOC	DC/WG	WG			DG	DG					DC/WC	MG
UV%T-254			MG			DC						QG
MBAS	MC				MC	MC					AG/QG	QG
Suspended Solids	DC/QC	WG	WG	WG								
Color	MC				MC	MC					AG/QG	MG
CN	MG				MG	MG					QG	QG
Residual Cl <sub>2</sub>		2WG	2WG		2WG	2WG					QG	QG
Total Coliforms	2WG	2WG	2WG			2WG			2WG		DG	QG
E. coli	2WG	2WG	2WG			2WG			2WG	WG	DG	QG
Turbidity	2WG	COL	2WG			COL			COL		COL	QG
Radioactivity											QG	QG
CIO <sub>4</sub>											QG	QG
1,4-Dioxane/NDMA	WG					WG		WG	WG		WG/QG	MG
Asbestos*											QG	QG
Oil and Grease*											QG	QG
Threshold Odor											AG/QG	QG
Corrosivity											AG/WG	QG
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>								WG	WG		WG	QG

<sup>1</sup> - Includes Ag,Al,As,Ba,Be,Cd,Co,Cr,Cr<sup>+6</sup>,Cu,Hg,Ni,Pb,Sb,Se,Tl,V,Zn

<sup>2</sup> - Includes Ag,As,Be,Cd,Cr<sup>+3</sup>,Cr<sup>+6</sup>,Cu,Hg,Ni,Pb,Sb,Se,Tl,Zn, and parameters in Tables I and II of the GWRS permit

<sup>3</sup> - Mn, Mn-DIS \* - Analysis outsourced

C = Composite Sample

D = Daily (7-day/wk.) G = Grab Sample

M = Monthly (representative Wed.)

WG = Weekly Grab (Wed.); 1,4-Dioxane & NDMA are Fri.

2WG = Twice/week grab collected on Mon. & Wed., except FPW is Mon. & Thu.

A = "Annual" tests--currently analyzed quarterly

COL = Continuous On-Line measurement

HWC = Acid-preserved Composite, collected Wed.

Q = Quarterly (representative Wed. of Jan., Apr., Jul., Oct.)

WC = Weekly Composite (day of week rotates)



# Critical for Success

- Change in mindset;
- Communication, transparency, education, and engaged public and water community;
- Operator training and certification;
- Rigorous water quality and operational monitoring and reporting;
- Remain vigilant.



# Then, Now & Tomorrow



Drugs dropped off for proper disposal  
as part of the LA Sheriff's Department  
Safe Drug Drop Off program.

Photo credit: Terri Slifko

PFOA & PFOS  
“Unknown  
unknowns”

CONSTITUENTS of  
EMERGING CONCERN

Cyanotoxins  
1,2,3 TCP  
Arsenic

Cr<sup>6+</sup>

Lead

Nitrosamines





# HOW SAFE IS SAFE?



Water, thou hast no taste, no color, no odor; canst not be defined, art relished while ever mysterious. Not necessary to life, but rather life itself, thou fillest us with a gratification that exceeds the delight of the senses.

(Antoine de Saint-Exupéry)

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