



Arizona Celebrates National Drinking Water Week May 5-11

Join the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and State of Arizona in celebrating National Drinking Water Week May 5-11, a national observance that highlights the value of water to each of our every day lives. This year also marks the 39th anniversary of the Safe Drinking Water Act that forms the core of our national efforts to provide quality drinking water and protect the health of our citizens.

In Arizona, more than five million people are served daily by more than 1,500 public drinking water systems, ranging in size from a drinking fountain at a roadside rest area to a large metropolitan drinking water system. Each Arizonan relies on his or her water system to provide a safe and dependable supply of water, both now and in the future.

National Drinking Water Week recognizes the importance of water source protection and conservation, as well as the value, importance, and fragility of our state's water resources. ADEQ works with drinking water utilities to make sure that the water delivered to consumers meets all federal and state standards and is clean and abundant. These efforts are vital to Arizona's economy and to the public health of our citizens.

The tasks facing state drinking water programs and public water systems continue to be extremely challenging, especially in an era of scarce resources. The drinking water infrastructure in many cities is aging and presents daunting resource demands. As a nation, we continue to be challenged by new and emerging drinking water contaminants associated with our industrial society.

Arizona renews its commitment to build on the successes of the past 38 years and to continue to work with all of our partners in the water community to fully realize the public health goals of the Safe Drinking Water Act through celebrating National Drinking Water Week.

We will be distributing helpful information about drinking water throughout the week on ADEQ's social network. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ArizonaDEQ and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/azdeq.