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### **North Dakota Department of Health Releases 2015 Drinking Water Compliance Report**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota public water systems maintain an excellent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance record with 97 percent of public water systems meeting all health-based standards, according to the newly released 2015 Drinking Water Compliance Report prepared by the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). In 2015, the NDDoH issued certificates of compliance to 265 public water systems.

“The purpose of the annual report is to improve consumer awareness of drinking water compliance issues,” said Greg Wavra, administrator of the department’s Drinking Water Program. All SDWA violations incurred in North Dakota in 2015 are included in the report. Also listed are violations recorded in 2016 based on 2015 monitoring data. People served by systems that incurred Safe Drinking Water Act violations in 2015 should have been informed of these violations by their water suppliers.

“It’s important to understand the majority of violations referred to in the 2015 report have been resolved,” Wavra 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 2015 Drinking Water Compliance Report, write to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Municipal Facilities, at 918 E. Divide Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Bismarck, N.D. 58501-1947, or call 701.328.5211. The report can be viewed on the department’s website at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/mf>; click on **Publications**.

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