

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

Indiana Agricultural Labor Camps may be subject to additional requirements regarding the discharge of wastewater and operation of public water systems

### **Wastewater Treatment and Disposal**

Labor camp operators and potential labor camp operators should contact Mike Hoover with the Indiana State Department of Health for direction and assistance regarding possible permits needed for wastewater disposal in new construction and renovation projects. Contact Mike Hoover at 317-233-7183 or [Mhoover@isdh.IN.gov](mailto:Mhoover@isdh.IN.gov).

### **Public Water Systems**

The following flyer by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), "Are You A Public Water System?" will help you determine if your water supply is classified as a "Public Water System" requiring a permitting and regulations by IDEM. Contact IDEM (see contact sections) for more information on this issue.

### **Water Testing**

Labor camp operators will need to perform a total coliform test prior to opening the labor camp each year. Operators will also need to conduct annual nitrate tests. Contact Mike Hoover at 317-233-7183 or [Mhoover@isdh.IN.gov](mailto:Mhoover@isdh.IN.gov) for more details on water testing.



# Are You A Public Water System?

*What is a Public Water System?*

“A Public Water System is a public water supply for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption, if such system has at least fifteen (15) service connections or regularly serves an average of at least twenty-five (25) individuals daily at least sixty (60) days out of the year.”

*What does that include?*

“Public Water System includes any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of such system, including the operator or administrator of such system, and is used primarily in connection with such system and any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under such control which are used primarily in connection with such system.”

*Are there different types of Public Water Systems?*

A Public Water System is either a community water system or a noncommunity water system. Both nontransient and transient water systems are considered noncommunity water systems.

*What do you mean by Community Water System and Noncommunity System?*

“A **Community Water System** means a public water system which serves at least fifteen (15) service connections used by **year-round residents** or regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) **year-round residents**.”

“A **Noncommunity Water System** means a public water system which has at least fifteen (15) service connections used by **nonresidents** or regularly serves at least twenty-five (25) or more **nonresidents** individuals daily for at least sixty (60) days per year.”

*Explain the different types of Noncommunity Water Systems*

There are two types of noncommunity systems. “A **Nontransient Noncommunity Water System (NTNCWS)** means a public water system that is not a community water system which regularly serves the **same** twenty-five (25) or more persons at least six (6) months per year. A **Transient Noncommunity Water System (TWS)** means a noncommunity water system that **does not regularly serve** at least twenty-five (25) of the **same** person over six (6) months per year.”

*Could you give examples ?*

**Community Systems** include municipal water supplies, subdivisions providing their own water and mobile home parks.

**Nontransient Noncommunity Systems** include such locations as schools, daycare centers and factories.

**Transient Noncommunity Systems** can be churches, restaurants, grocery stores, and campgrounds that have water accessible to the public.

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For more information, contact the Drinking Water Branch at 317/308-3308 or 800/451-6027 (ext. 308-3308) or visit our web site at <http://www.in.gov/idem/water/dwb>