



## COLORADO

Department of Public  
Health & Environment

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DATE: July 2016

TO: Public Water System Owner/Operator

RE: Explanation of Enclosed Safe Drinking Water Program Annual Fee Invoice  
For the Period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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The Safe Drinking Water Program of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment protects the health of citizens and visitors by ensuring that safe drinking water is provided by Colorado's public drinking water systems. In addition, the Safe Drinking Water Program provides compliance and technical assistance to water system owners and operators by helping them understand and meet the requirements of Colorado's Primary Drinking Water Regulations. The Safe Drinking Water Program implements the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Colorado. Most of the funding for this important program comes from the federal government. The Colorado state legislature also authorizes general tax funds for this program.

During the 2007 legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly passed House Bill 1329. This Bill required that some funding for the Safe Drinking Water Program come from fees paid by public drinking water systems. You may recall that public water system fees were first instituted in 2003 in response to the state's fiscal crisis at that time. Those fees expired in 2005. In 2007 the legislature reestablished fees, but at levels that are approximately 38% less than what they were prior to July 1, 2005. The new fees were effective July 1, 2007, have not increased since that time, and are reflected on the enclosed invoice. The annual fee varies according to system type, source of water, and population served and is established in the legislation (§25-1.5-209, C. R. S.). The invoice is for the time period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, and identifies the system type, source of water and population served for your water system pursuant to information maintained by the Water Quality Control Division.

If you have questions about your drinking water fee, please call (303) 692-3556.

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