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Telecommunications & Utilities.

1 AN ACT Relating to defining public water system; and amending RCW
2 70.119A.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.119A.020 and 1994 c 252 s 2 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following
7 definitions apply throughout this chapter:

8 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

9 (2) "Local board of health" means the city, town, county, or
10 district board of health.

11 (3) "Local health jurisdiction" means an entity created under
12 chapter 70.05, 70.08, or 70.46 RCW which provides public health
13 services to persons within the area.

14 (4) "Public water system" means any system, excluding a system
15 serving ((only)) one or two single-family residences and a system with
16 four or fewer connections all of which serve residences on the same
17 farm, providing piped water for human consumption, including any
18 collection, treatment, storage, or distribution facilities under
19 control of the purveyor and used primarily in connection with the

1 system; and collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under
2 control of the purveyor but primarily used in connection with the
3 system, including:

4 (a) Any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities
5 under control of the purveyor and used primarily in connection with
6 such system; and

7 (b) Any collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under
8 control of the purveyor which are primarily used in connection with
9 such system.

10 (5) "Order" means a written direction to comply with a provision of
11 the regulations adopted under RCW 43.20.050(2)(a) or 70.119.050 or to
12 take an action or a series of actions to comply with the regulations.

13 (6) "Purveyor" means any agency or subdivision of the state or any
14 municipal corporation, firm, company, mutual or cooperative
15 association, institution, partnership, or person or any other entity,
16 that owns or operates a public water system. It also means the
17 authorized agents of any such entities.

18 (7) "Regulations" means rules adopted to carry out the purposes of
19 this chapter.

20 (8) "Federal safe drinking water act" means the federal safe
21 drinking water act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 300f et seq., as now in effect or
22 hereafter amended.

23 (9) "Area-wide waivers" means a waiver granted by the department as
24 a result of a geographically based testing program meeting required
25 provisions of the federal safe drinking water act.

26 (10) "Local health officer" means the legally qualified physician
27 who has been appointed as the health officer for the city, town,
28 county, or district public health department.

29 (11) "Person" includes, but is not limited to, natural persons,
30 municipal corporations, governmental agencies, firms, companies, mutual
31 or cooperative associations, institutions, and partnerships. It also
32 means the authorized agents of any such entities.

33 (12) "Public health emergency" means a declaration by an authorized
34 health official of a situation in which either illness, or exposure
35 known to cause illness, is occurring or is imminent.

36 (13) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of health.

37 (14) "State board of health" is the board created by RCW 43.20.030.

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