

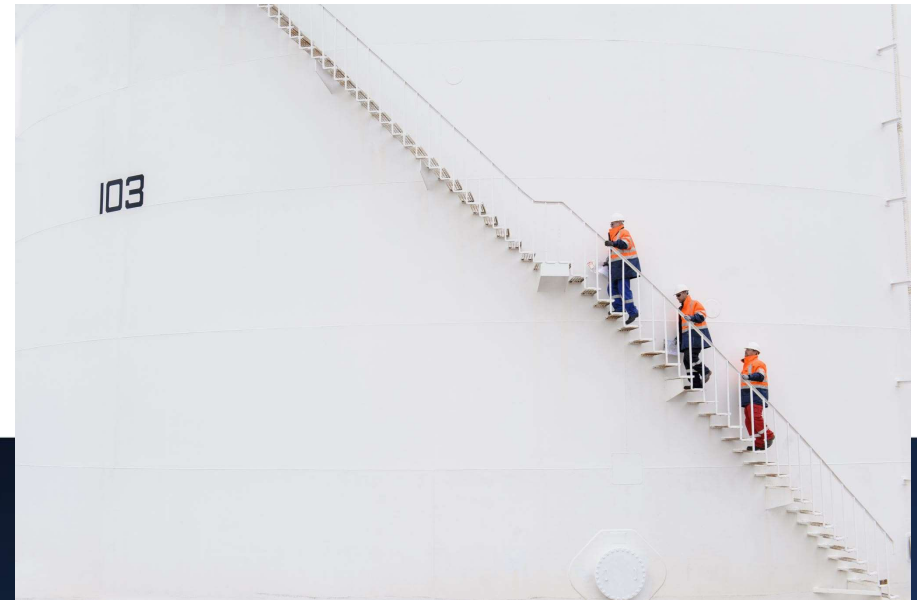
Conducting a Drinking Water Enforcement Inspection

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Why is the EPA inspecting my water system?

National Enforcement Compliance Initiative

- Reduce number of community waters in noncompliance with drinking water standards
- Support EPA's strategic plan
- Incorporate environmental justice

Safe Drinking Water Act

- Section 1445(b)(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), 42 U.S.C. § 300j-4(b)(1),
- National Primary Drinking Water Regulations of Section 1412 of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. §300g-1

Targeting

Targeting begins a year in advance

- Criteria developed to query systems
- Meet with EPA state managers
- Meet with each state manager
- Finalize list



The Inspection Process

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Pre-Inspection

2

Inspection

3

Post-Inspection

Pre- Inspection

Planning

- Choose facility to be inspected
- Inform State
- Review last two sanitary surveys
- Determine number of staff needed
- Rule applicability

Logistics

- Meet w/state
- Focus Area
- Sanitary Survey (by State)
- Travel Plans

Notification

- Primacy Agency
- County Official (Mayor, Chairman)
- Public Water System

Conducting the Inspection



Opening Conference

Present credentials
Operator licenses
Distribution Process



Facility Tour

Intake → Distribution
Storage tanks
Wells



Documentation Review

Standard Operating Procedures
Distribution maps
Monitoring reports



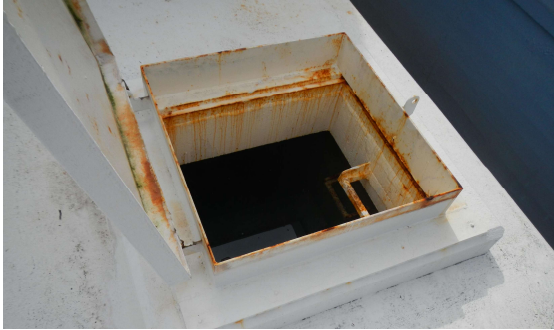
During the Inspection



Compliance or Action Plan for
deficiencies identified in
Sanitary Survey



Observe & note deficiencies
during inspection



During the Inspection

Post Inspection

Closing Conference

- Summarize observations

State Meeting

- Discuss observations & findings
- Enforcement determination

Inspection report

- 30-60 day Timeframe
- Copies sent to PWS & State

Enforcement

- Administrative Orders sent to system (*if applicable*)
- Show Cause Meeting with system
- Closure Letter





Questions
