

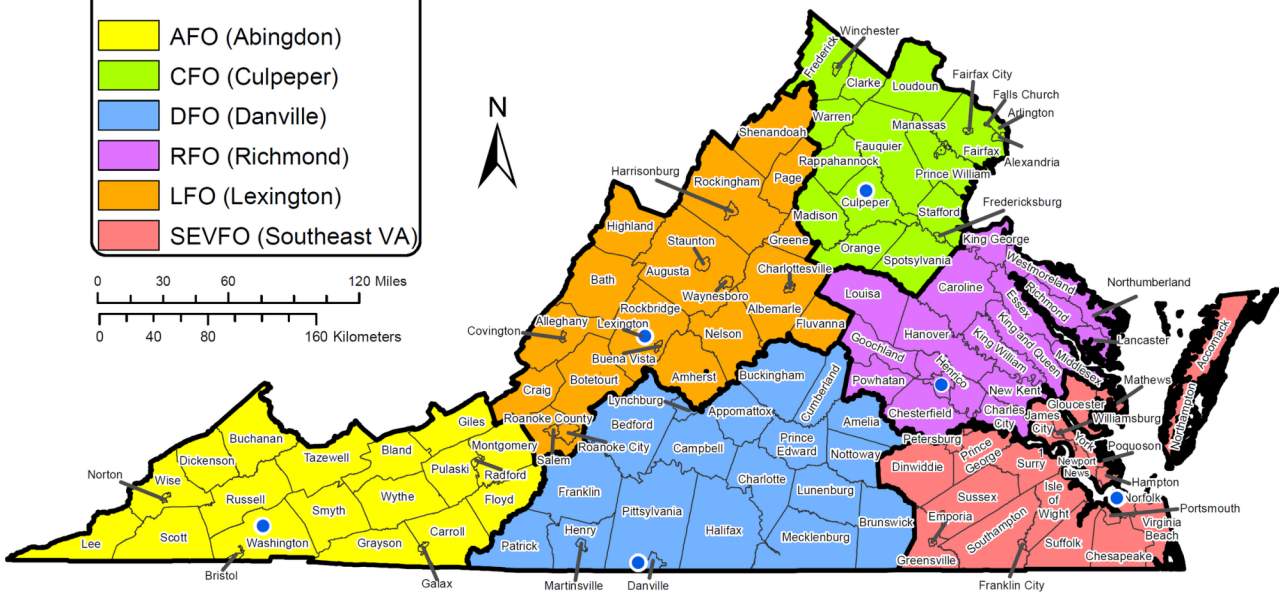
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DRINKING WATER & PUBLIC HEALTH

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About ODW

We protect public health and help ensure all Virginians have a safe and adequate supply of drinking water.

We accomplish this mission by:

- Serving as Virginia's advocate for safe drinking water
- Monitoring drinking water quality
- Applying engineering judgement
- Providing technical assistance and training with respect to all drinking water issues
- Financing improvements to drinking water systems, seeking funding sources for drinking water projects
- Enforcing drinking water regulations and standards of the Virginia Public Water Supply Law and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act



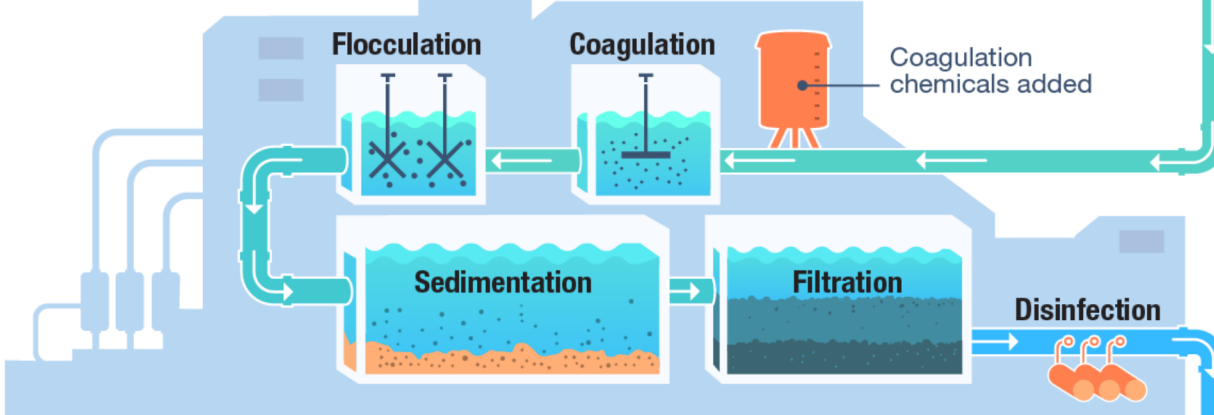
Water Treatment Steps

Water Source



Treatment Plant

(Makes water safe to drink)



Community

Utility delivers water to the community



Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1974. Under the SDWA, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the standards for drinking water quality. In Virginia, VDH has the primacy for enforcing the SDWA.

Common Water Contaminants:

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| Arsenic | <i>Cryptosporidium</i> |
| Copper | <i>Campylobacter</i> |
| Lead | <i>E.coli</i> O157 |
| Nitrate | Enterovirus |
| Radon | <i>Giardia</i> |
| | Hepatitis A virus |
| | <i>Legionella</i> |
| | Norovirus |
| | Rotavirus |
| | <i>Salmonella</i> |
| | <i>Shigella</i> |

Most at risk:

- Infants
- Children
- Elderly
- Pregnant people
- Immunocompromised

The Office of Drinking Water has 6 regional field offices that monitor drinking water quality across the Commonwealth.