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TO: State Drinking Water Administrators

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SUBJECT: Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Small Drinking Water Systems

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) is pleased to announce that the Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Small Drinking Water Systems is now available. The Guide is the result of collaboration among ASDWA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), the U.S. EPA Drinking Water Academy, and the National Rural Water Association. We also thank NRWA for the template that was used as the foundation for this project.

This Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide, which is targeted for drinking water systems serving less than 3,300 people, is designed to help small water systems assess their components and identify security measures that should be implemented. The document is provided electronically in MS Word and .pdf formats that are intended for states and trainers to use, distribute, copy, and modify for the locality of each system as appropriate. Feel free to add your logo and contact names to the document. It also includes an emergency contact list, a phone threat identification checklist, and states may wish to attach their model emergency response plans as well.

Security is not an end point, but a continuous process to assess and upgrade our water systems. This document is the beginning of the process for small drinking water systems and will hopefully serve as a baseline as EPA moves forward in developing guidance for small water system security.

Attachments