

<b>Title</b> High Quality Drinking Water Provision	<b>Number</b> WTR-500	<b>Rev. no.</b> 0
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## 1. PURPOSE

This policy gives direction to Seattle Public Utilities on managing the quality of drinking water in order to protect public health and maintain or improve public confidence, in addition to complying with drinking water quality regulations.

## 2. POLICY

Manage drinking water quality from the water source to the customers tap in coordination with wholesale customers to protect public health, comply with drinking water quality regulations, and maintain and improve public confidence in the drinking water quality.

- A. Factor protection of water quality into the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of all system components, including the transmission and distribution systems.
- B. Pursue initiatives that further public health or customer confidence objectives when these initiatives are justified by a triple-bottom-line analysis, even if regulatory compliance objectives are otherwise being met.
- C. Continue the multiple-barrier approach to protecting water quality that includes source protection and treatment.
- D. Continue to provide support for maintaining water quality in customer plumbing as deemed appropriate.
- E. Provide wholesale and retail customers with clear, accurate, and timely information on water quality issues so that public confidence is maintained.
- F. Support research on emerging drinking water issues and participate in the development of new state and federal legislation and regulations on drinking water quality, both directly and through water utility associations.