



CITY OF BENTON CITY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DATE: November 30, 2017
TO: Benton City Water System Customers
FROM: Benton City
SUBJECT: Wellhead Protection Program & Potential Contaminants

The Washington State Department of Health requires all public water systems owners/operators to protect the water system and water supply. A "Wellhead Protection Program" is part of these requirements. We are sending the enclosed map to all water system customers to help raise the awareness for protecting our community water source. The map shows the "Wellhead Protection Area" for each well. The outer most circle around the well is the area of influence by the well over a 10 year period. That is to say, it is the distance the around water will travel in a 10 year period to reach the well. Each area is determined by the well construction, amount of water pumped and the open interval in the well that water is drawn from. Our goal is to inform the customers of potential contaminants within the "Wellhead Protection Area" of each well so that we can work together in keeping our community water system safe and reliable, The potential contaminants source identified in the "Wellhead Protection Areas" are:

1. Gas Stations
2. Individual Wells
3. Irrigation
4. Septic Tanks
5. Pesticide and Fertilizer Applications

Please review the map to determine if you have any of the above potential contaminant sources on your property and if you are within a Wellhead Protection Area. It is our hope that all land owners with potential contamination sources, regardless if they are in the wellhead protection areas or not, will take care in maintaining and operating these facilities in a manner that helps reduce the potential for contamination.

Sincerely:

Linda Lehman, Mayor
City of Benton City

Attachment: Wellhead Protection Area Map