Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report

For

Hopewell Twp

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HOW TO USE THIS SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT REPORT

The following outlines the source water assessment report and directs you to general and/or noncommunity water system specific information.

Source Water Assessment Executive Summary
A summary of the Source Water Assessment Program and the susceptibility results statewide for noncommunity water systems. This summary also provides the susceptibility ratings for the noncommunity water systems' source(s) within the municipality.

The first three sections of the report contain general information; the last section is specific for the individual noncommunity water system(s) within the municipality.

Section I: Background Information on Drinking Water Systems page 1
General information on types of public drinking water systems (community and noncommunity) and sources of drinking water. The number of public water systems, wells, and surface water intakes in New Jersey is provided.

Section II: Source Water Assessment Program Overview page 7
An introduction to the Source Water Assessment Program and its goals.

Section III: Source Water Assessment Program Steps page 10
A description of the steps the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) conducted to assess drinking water source(s) susceptibility to potential contamination. The contaminant categories of concern and the potential contaminant sources found to be significant in determining susceptibility (reffered to as explanatory variables) for the Source Water Assessment Program are included in this section. Table 5 provides the percentage of public noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the contaminant categories.

Section IV: Noncommunity Public Water System Individual Source Water Assessment Reports (arranged by PWID) page 25
The DEP developed a separate report for each noncommunity water system. This section of the report contains all of the noncommunity water system source water assessment reports that are within Hopewell Twp. The individual noncommunity source water assessment reports contain general information regarding the program (similar to the information in Section I through III), susceptibility ratings for the system's source(s), an inventory of the potential contaminant sources used to determine the sources' susceptibility, and a map illustrating the source water assessment areas. The map is municipality based; therefore the map is not specific to the system. If a noncommunity water system is interested in obtaining a map specific to its source water assessment area, contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550.

Appendix A contains additional specific information for the noncommunity water systems. Appendix A consists of tables and information relating to the susceptibility rating determination for the system's sources. These items include:

Contaminant Category Scoring System - Attachment 1
A series of tables illustrating how the rating score is determined for a source. This document is divided into surface water and ground water sections and provides a table(s) for each of the contaminant categories. Using these rating score tables and the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, the numerical susceptibility rating score can be determined. This rating score was then converted into a high, medium, or low susceptibility rating. (The susceptibility rating score conversions are also provided.)

Source Water Assessment Area Map - Attachment 2
A map illustrating the source water assessment areas for the Noncommunity water system's sources (wells and surface water intakes) within the municipality. If a noncommunity water system is interested in obtaining a map specific to its source water assessment area, it may contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550

Appendix B contains documents that further explain the procedures taken to determine susceptibility of public drinking water sources. These documents contain information addressing the three steps of a source water assessment: develop a source water assessment area, inventory the potential contaminant sources, and determine susceptibility to potential contaminant sources.

Appendix C contains materials to assist in understanding the source water assessment report and contact information for further questions.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

Executive Summary

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination.

Approximately 85 to 90 percent of New Jersey's population receive their drinking water from public water systems. These public water systems are highly regulated and perform routine monitoring for the presence of contaminants. In 2003, 606 public community water systems consisting of 2237 wells and 64 surface water sources served approximately 7.5 million New Jersey residents. In addition, the public was served by 3685 public noncommunity water systems through establishments such as: schools, hospitals, restaurants, office buildings, and rest stops that have their own drinking water source.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water sources' susceptibility.

- Identified the area that supplies water to a public drinking water system well or surface water intake (known as the source water assessment area). For ground water sources, this area is also known as the well head protection area.
- Inventoried the significant potential sources of contamination within the source water assessment area.
- Determined how susceptible each drinking water source is to contamination.

Susceptibility to the following categories of contamination was determined:

- Pathogens
- Nutrients (nitrates)
- Pesticides
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
- Inorganics
- Radionuclides
- Radon
- Disinfection Byproduct Precursors (DBPs)

To determine susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

The first category consists of *sensitivity factors*, which includes items related to the construction of a well (such as whether the well is in a confined or unconfined aquifer) and naturally occurring factors (such as the geology of the unit in which a well is drawing water from or over which water flows to the surface water intake).

Significant Sensitivity Factors

- Confinement status: For ground water, the confinement status of the well was by far the most frequently occurring sensitivity factor in predicting susceptibility to contamination and in fact was a factor in all the models. Confined wells are protected from activities at the land surface by relatively thick, laterally extensive units of low permeability (clay layers) and are a sufficient distance from the outcrop area of the geologic unit so that the source water is less likely to be affected by contamination at the land surface. Confined wells were determined to be of low susceptibility to contamination occurring at the land surface. Some confined wells, however, are susceptible to contaminants of natural subsurface origin. In 2003, there were no confined noncommunity water system wells.
- Depth to the top of the open interval: For unconfined wells, depth to the top of the open interval of the well was the most common sensitivity factor to affect the potential for contamination of a well. Depth to top of open interval was found to be a factor in the following five models: pathogens, nutrients, pesticides, inorganics, and radon. The shorter the distance to the land surface, the more likely for the well to be affected by contamination originating at the surface from point sources and certain land uses.
- Percent soil organic matter: For surface water and ground water, percent soil organic matter was found to be a frequently occurring sensitivity factor. Percent soil organic matter was a factor in the VOC, inorganic, and disinfectant byproduct precursor models for both the surface water and ground water susceptibility models.

The second category of factors affecting a source's potential to become contaminated consists of *intensity of use factors*. This category addresses the susceptibility to contamination resulting from human activities at the land surface. Intensity of use factors include those coming from a specific point source, such as a landfill or leaking underground storage tank, and nonpoint sources of contamination grouped by land-use characteristics, such as agriculture or urban land use.

Significant Intensity of Use Factors

Nonpoint Sources

Overall, the results of the modeling performed by USGS show that of the nonpoint sources, factors related to urban land use and agricultural land use, were most often linked to susceptibility of drinking water sources to contamination.

- Surface water: factors related to urban land use from the 1995 coverage (including percentage of commercial/industrial land use, percentage of developed land, percentage of residential land) were important in predicting a source's susceptibility for four contaminant groups, specifically nutrients, pesticides, VOCs, and inorganics. Agricultural land use was found to be a significant factor in three of the surface water models - nutrients, pesticides, and inorganics.
- Ground water: factors related to urban land use from both 1970 and 1995 were important in predicting the susceptibility of source water for five of the models - nutrients, pesticides, VOCs, inorganics and radionuclides. Agricultural land use in 1970 and 1995 coverages

were factors in six of the ground water models: pathogens, nutrients, pesticides, radionuclides, radon, and inorganics.

Point Sources

- Surface water: factors related to New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System /Discharge to Surface Water (NJPDES/DSW) permits and sewage treatment plant density were found most often to be important factors, specifically for the nutrients, VOCs, and inorganics susceptibility models. NJPDES stormwater permitted locations, compost facilities, sites on DEP's Known Contaminated Site List (KCSL) and solid waste landfills were found to be factors in two of the models: VOCs and inorganics.
- Ground water: point sources were found to be significant only in the models for VOC, inorganics, and disinfection byproduct precursors. No point sources were found to be important in the models for pathogens, nutrients, pesticides, radionuclides, and radon.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors for each drinking water source are provided in this Source Water Assessment Report in Tables 2, 3, and 4.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided numerical ratings for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category, which were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating was given to drinking water sources where the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL. For the list of New Jersey primary and secondary drinking water standards, containing the MCLs, please refer to http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/standard.htm.

In some cases, insufficient data for particular supplies were available for all variables used in susceptibility models. In such cases, a default value for missing data was assumed. Use of default values could result in a different susceptibility rating than that which would result if the source-specific data were available.

Statewide Summary

Table E1 illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the contaminant categories. The table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water.

Table E1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent %)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	DBPs
Ground Water 3480 Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Intakes								
High	100[1]	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100[1]	100[1]	0

[1]All surface water intakes received high susceptibility ratings for pathogens and low susceptibility rating for radionuclides and radon

For the purpose of the source water assessments, the drinking water derived from all surface water intakes was assumed to be highly susceptible to contamination by pathogens. Therefore, all surface water intakes received a high rating for pathogens (100 percent). Surface water sources are subject to various sources of microbial contamination runoff containing fecal matter. Secondly, radionuclide and radon models for surface water were not developed. Radionuclides are primarily a concern of ground water, therefore, all surface water intakes received a low susceptibility rating for radionuclides and radon (0 percent).

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens). In fact, a high percentage of community water system surface water intakes were found to be highly susceptible to the same contaminant categories. Eighty-one percent of community water system surface water intakes were found to be highly susceptible to inorganics and 98% were found to be highly susceptible to disinfection byproduct precursors.

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%). When reviewing the results of the medium susceptibility ratings for noncommunity water system wells, the three contaminant categories

in which a high percentage of the wells rated medium are disinfection byproduct precursors (97%), radon (72%), pesticides and nutrients (both 66%).

Summary of Noncommunity Water Systems' Sources within Hopewell Twp

Hopewell Twp consists of 65 noncommunity water systems, consisting of 72 wells, and 0 surface water intake(s). **(The water system data used for the development of the original drinking water source inventory was compiled in the summer of 2003.)**

Table E2 provides a summary of the susceptibility ratings for the noncommunity water systems within Hopewell Twp. The first column provides the public water system's identification number (PWID) and the second column provides the name of the system and its source(s) (when available). The remaining columns provide the susceptibility ratings to each contaminant category for the source(s). A total of each of these ratings (overall susceptibility ratings) is provided at the bottom of the table.

Table E2: Summary of Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Drinking Water Source(s) within Hopewell Twp

PWID	System Name / Source Name	Pathogens			Nutrients			Pesticides			VOCs			Inorganics			Radionuclides			Radon			DBPs		
		H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
1106300	Titusville Academy Princeton	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106301	Washington Crossing State Park (Interpertive Center)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106303	Tavern @ Pennytown	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106305	Faherty's Pub	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106306	Karens Brookside Drive-In	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106308	Stage Depot	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106309	Washington Crossing Tavern	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106310	Pennington Cleaners	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106312	Wildflowers	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106313	Hopewell Valley Golf Club	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
1106315	Berwyn Group	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0
1106316	Bear Tavern Elementary School	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106317	Timberlane Junior High School	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106318	Hopewell Valley Tennis Center & Swim Club	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106319	Pennington Shop Rite	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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1106320	Bristol Myers Squibb Co.	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
1106325	Greg's Deli	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106326	American Legion Post 339	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106328	Washington Crossing State Park (Knox Grove Picnic Area)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106329	Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106330	Washington Crossing State Park (Main Office)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106331	Washington Crossing State Park (Visitor Center)	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106333	Washington Crossing State Park (Main Office)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106335	Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area)	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106336	Washington Crossing State Park (Maintenance Shop)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106337	Goebel Art G M B H	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106338	Pennington Happy Time School	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106339	Medallion Care Center	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106341	Hopewell Valley Industrial Park	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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		H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
1106342	Hopewell Valley Industrial Park - #2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106343	Rt 31 Professional Building	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106344	Rt 31 Professional Building	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106348	Hopewell Valley Medical Center	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
1106353	Pennington Partnership - Newton GS	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106354	Pennington Road Partners	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106355	Kooltronic Inc	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
1106357	Hopewell Township Municipal Services	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0
1106361	Mercer Mutual Insurance Co.	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106362	Camelot Nursery School	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106363	Mercer Professional Center @ Penn	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106366	Unitarian Universalist Church	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106367	St George's Roman Catholic Church	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106368	Stage II Motel & Professional Building	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106369	Hillbilly Hall Inc.	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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1106370	Golden Nugget Antique Flea Market	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106371	WAWA #906	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106373	Hopewell Township Municipal Garage	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106374	Little League of Hopewell Township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106375	MBHK Properties Offices @ Pennington Point	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106376	Pennington Office Park A	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106377	Pennington Office Park B	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106378	Titusville Presbyterian Church	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106379	All Bright Country Day School	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106380	Jeffrey Rodney Dental Office	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106382	Sincak Office Park	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106385	Mobil Oil Corporation	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
1106386	Circle West Office Building	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106387	Wilson Apple Funeral Home	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106389	Hopewell Valley Golf Course 6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106390	Pennington Montessori School	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

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1106391	Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (Corn Crib Building)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106392	Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106393	Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106394	Toddlers Village @ Stony Brook	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
1106395	Princeton Community Church	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total for Hopewell Twp		4	23	45	0	58	14	0	58	14	17	0	55	23	48	1	44	28	0	72	0	0	2	70	0

If a drinking water source's susceptibility is high, it does not necessarily mean the drinking water is contaminated. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination.

Under the State's Safe Drinking Water Regulations, all public noncommunity water systems must routinely monitor for contamination. If MCLs (drinking water standards) are exceeded, the noncommunity water system must immediately post a notice of failure in a place conspicuous to consumers until the system is compliant.

The Source Water Assessment Program was designed to encourage protection of drinking water sources by providing information to state and local regulatory agencies and the public to assist in watershed assessment and planning and to enhance the public's role as "water stewards." The results provide information to allow state and local agencies to determine if increased regulatory controls, including local land use ordinances, are warranted. In addition, the basic data gathered through the Source Water Assessment Program, including the locations of the public water system wells and surface water sources, will be available for DEP program use in efforts to improve environment regulatory actions, such as cleanup decisions in the hazardous and solid waste programs. For more information on DEP's Source Water Protection efforts please see the Statewide Summary Document available at www.state.nj/us/dep/swap.

For further information please refer to the detailed information in this Source Water Assessment Report or go to www.state.nj/us/dep/swap.

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This background information is provided to describe how public drinking water systems are regulated and the relationship of these water systems with the Source Water Assessment Program. The following section describes sources of drinking water (groundwater and surface water), types of drinking water systems according to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) definitions, and drinking water treatment.

Sources of Drinking Water

1. Ground Water
Ground water infiltrates the ground and is stored in aquifers, soil and rock below the surface. Aquifers typically consist of gravel, sandstone, sand, or fractured rock. An aquifer can be confined or unconfined. A confined aquifer is ground water bounded between impermeable layers, such as clay. An unconfined aquifer is not bounded by impermeable layers and is more directly linked to surface activities and resources.

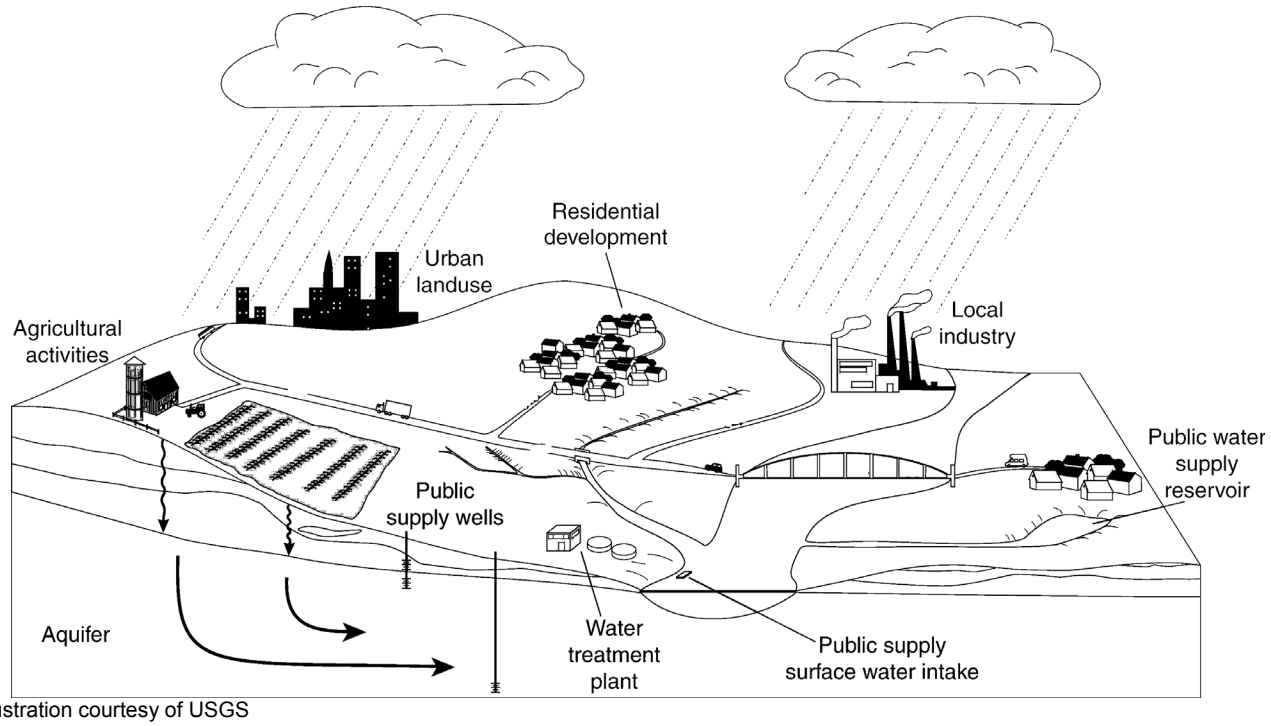
Ground water is obtained from a spring or by pumping water from an aquifer through a well. A well is a hole or excavation that is drilled, bored, core driven, jetted, dug, driven or otherwise constructed for the purpose of removal of water from the subsurface for potable water supply. Public wells in New Jersey range from 15 to 1,984 feet deep (in 2002).

2. Surface Water
Surface water, is the water at or above the land's surface, which is neither ground water nor contained within the unsaturated zone, including, but not limited to, the ocean and its tributaries, all springs, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, wetlands, and artificial waterbodies.

An important link exists between ground water and surface water. Surface water can infiltrate the ground and recharge aquifers. Conversely, ground water slowly moves to the surface and discharges into lakes, rivers, or streams and is known as baseflow. New Jersey's natural stream flow, especially during periods of low precipitation, is largely baseflow from ground water.

Figure 1 illustrates the water cycle, ground water and surface water, and potential sources of contamination to drinking water sources.

Figure 1: Hydrologic Cycle and Sources of Drinking Water



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Types of Public Water Systems

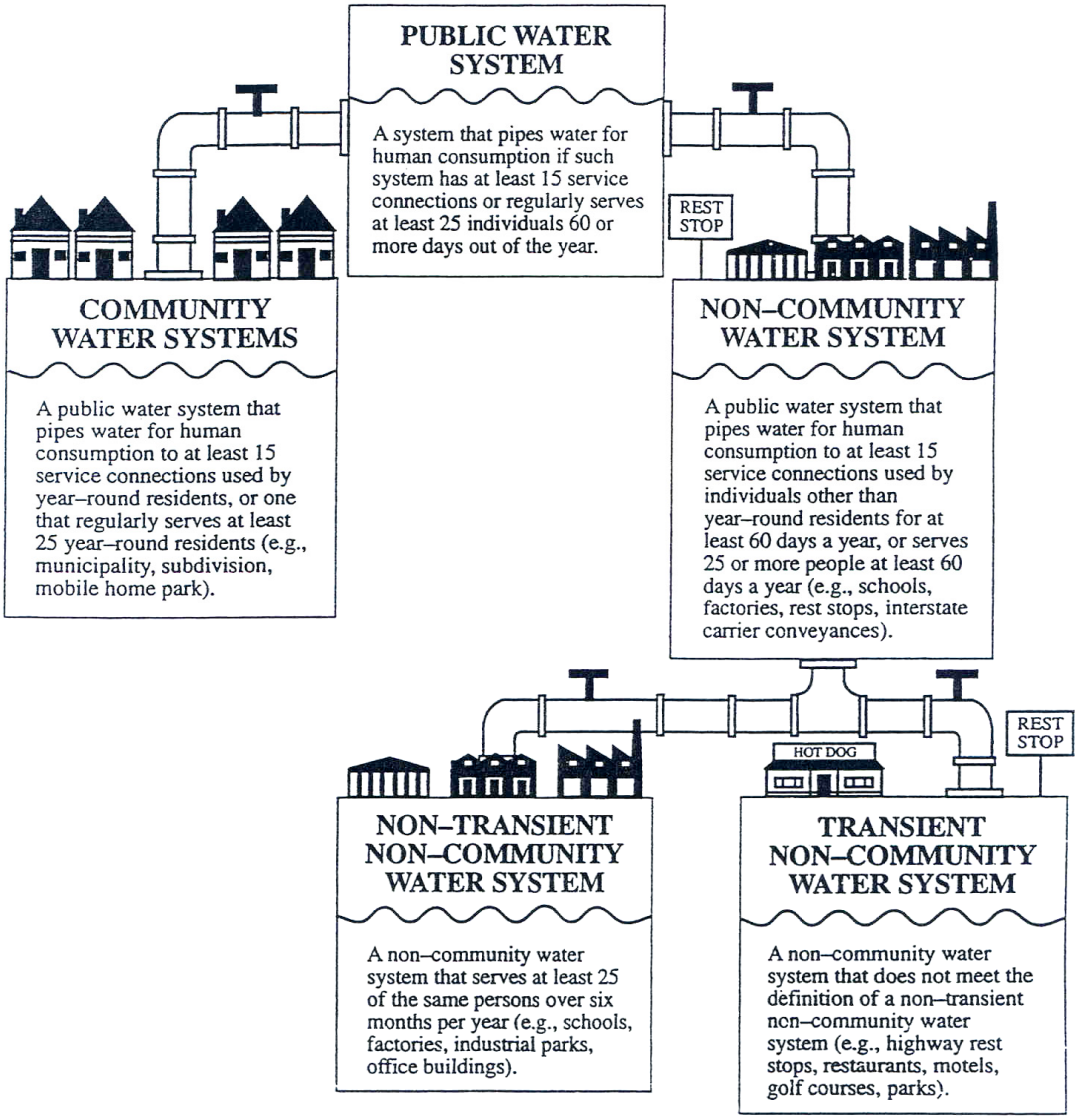
A public water system is defined as a system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances, if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals. Ground water and/or surface water sources can be used for public water systems.

1. **Community Water System**: has at least 15 service connections used by year round residents, or regularly serves at least 25 year round residents. Examples of a community water system are mobile home communities, municipally owned water systems and privately owned water systems that have their own well(s) or surface water intake(s).

2. **Noncommunity Water System**: used by individuals other than year round residents for at least 60 days of the year. A noncommunity water system can be either transient or nontransient. A nontransient noncommunity water system serves at least 25 of the same persons over six months per year, such as schools, factories, and office buildings which have their own well(s) or surface water intake(s). Transient noncommunity water systems are systems that do not fall within the definition of a nontransient water system. Transient noncommunity water systems include rest stop areas, restaurants, and motels that have their own well(s).

A flow chart describing these definitions appears in Figure 2.

Figure 2: Types of Public Water Systems



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Approximately 85 to 90 percent of New Jersey's population is served by public water systems. Table 1 summarizes the number of public water systems, wells, and surface water sources in the State of New Jersey in 2003.

Table 1: Public Water Systems in New Jersey in 2003

Type of Public Water System	# of Public Water Systems*	# of Ground Water Sources	# of Surface Water Sources
Community	606	2237	64
Nontransient Noncommunity	876	1083	3
Transient Noncommunity	2654	2779	0
Total	4136	6099	67

* DEP, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, NJ Public Water System Database.

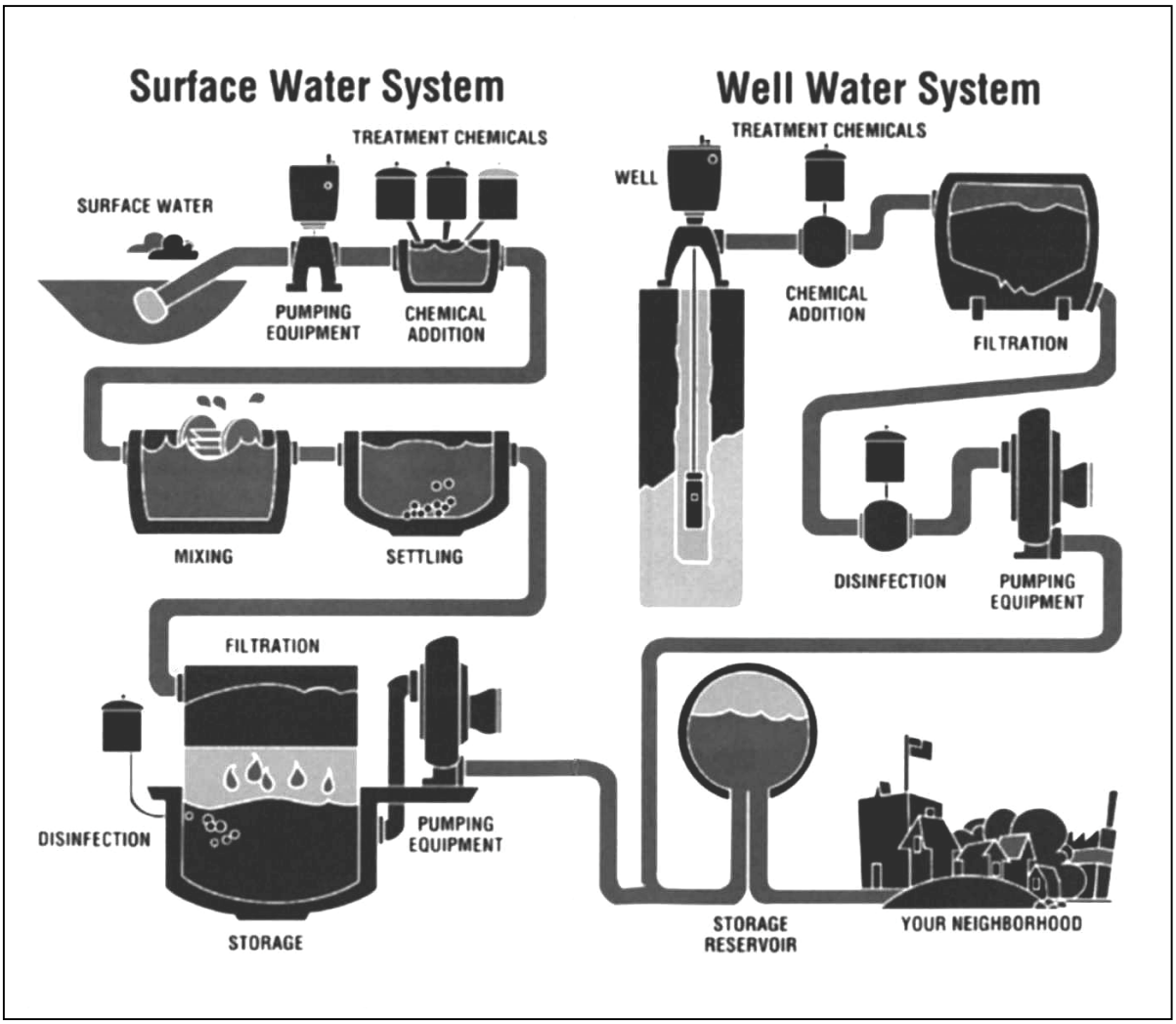
The remaining New Jersey population is served by private wells (i.e. wells serving individual homes, small businesses, etc.) Private wells are not included in the SWAP. For more information on private wells please visit the Division of Water Supply web site at www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply or refer to the EPA web site at www.epa.gov/safewater/pwells1.html.

Drinking Water Treatment

A public water system consists of interconnected pipes that lead from the source of drinking water to the consumer. Almost all community water system sources and some noncommunity water system sources are treated to remove microorganisms or dissolved chemicals or minerals. An entry point to the distribution system (EPTDS) is a location in the public water system where treated water from a treatment plant enters into the water distribution system. A public water system may contain one or more EPTDS. If the water is not treated, as some ground water systems are not, then the place where the untreated water source enters the network of pipes is the EPTDS.

Figure 3 illustrates general treatment schemes for both a surface water system and a ground water system. The means of acquiring water (well or surface water intake), the treatment process, and storage are shown. An individual water system may contain only part or even none (do not treat) of these pieces. Individual water treatment may vary according to source water quality.

Figure 3: Example of Drinking Water Treatment



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SECTION II – SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Introduction

The 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act place a strong emphasis on public awareness and the information provided to the public concerning the quality of drinking water. As part of the 1996 Amendments, all states were required to establish a Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP).

Through the SWAP, the DEP evaluated the susceptibility of public water systems to several categories of contamination. **If a system rates highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water.** The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Susceptibility to contamination is a function of several factors, including contaminant use near the water source and the characteristics of the water source.

New Jersey's SWAP Plan, which provides the framework for how DEP performed the assessments, can be found at www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/swap1.pdf.

The New Jersey SWAP incorporates four steps:

1. **Delineate the source water assessment area of each public drinking water source.**
2. **Inventory the potential contaminant sources within the source water assessment area.**
3. **Determine the water system's susceptibility to contaminants.**
4. **Incorporate public participation and education.**

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the completed source water assessments may be used to achieve the goals listed below.

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

The source water assessments provide a susceptibility rating for each source of drinking water, which supplies information on how vulnerable the source is to contamination.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results can be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing the State's drinking water protection efforts. Based on the potential of a drinking water source to become contaminated, DEP can initiate a variety of activities to protect the drinking water source through existing DEP programs. For more information regarding DEP's Source Water Protection Strategy please refer to the Source Water Assessment Program Statewide Summary available on the Division of Water Supply's web site at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply//.

2. Public education of SWAP information.

DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP spoke to interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. Upon completion of the

source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report and/or summary for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings.

The goal of the public education efforts is to make the public more aware of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education requirement, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the EPA and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules can be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water. The SWAP will provide better information for making these determinations.

Source Water Assessment Reports
DEP will issue the following reports to public water systems.

1. **Community Water System Source Water Assessment Report**: primarily intended for the public water system's reference and use, although the report is also available to the public. Individuals, environmental organizations, and municipalities interested in source water protection may also utilize the Community Water System Source Water Assessment Report for protection activities.

2. **Community Water System Source Water Assessment Summary**: a short (4-6 page) informative document created for distribution by the water system to the general public. In addition, DEP will post the summary document on the SWAP web site at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/. The Community Water System Source Water Assessment Summary is a synopsis of the Source Water Assessment Report and provides the source susceptibility ratings for the community water system's sources.

3. **Noncommunity Water System Source Water Assessment Report**: developed for the respective noncommunity water system. The report provides the susceptibility ratings of the system's sources. The general public may request the report from the noncommunity water system or the DEP. In addition, the DEP decided to develop a noncommunity water system report for each municipality. The report contains the noncommunity water system reports for the systems found in the same municipality. DEP hopes this report will assist local planning agencies and the public in source water protection efforts.

SECTION III – SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT PROGRAM STEPS

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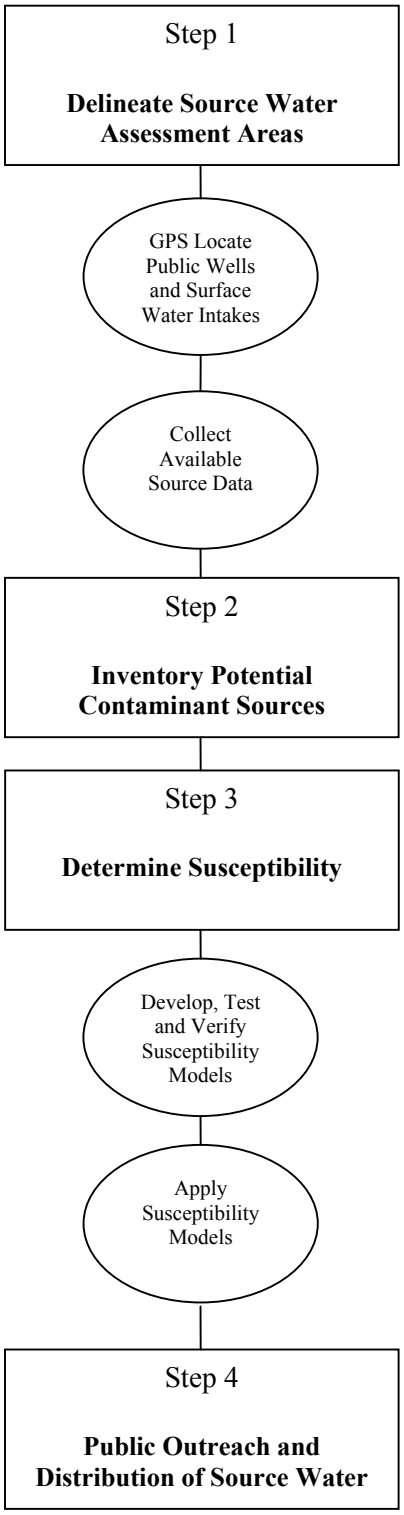
The SWAP consists of four fundamental steps that are illustrated in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Flowchart of Source Water Assessment Program Process



Step 1: Delineation

The first step of the SWAP process is to delineate the source water assessment area for each public water system well and surface water intake. For ground water sources, a source water assessment area in New Jersey is the area from which water is reasonably likely to flow to a well within a 12 year period. This area is also known as a wellhead protection area, or WHPA. For surface water sources, the source water assessment area is the area upstream of a surface water intake, including land that drains to the upstream areas.

Before the source water assessment area was delineated for a public well, attribute data was gathered. Since 1947, a property owner or well driller has been required to obtain a well permit from New Jersey's well permitting program to drill a well in New Jersey. After a licensed well driller drills the well, a well record must be submitted to the Division of Water Supply, DEP. The well record is an "as-built" description of the well construction, and usually contains important attribute data such as well depth, screened interval or length of open hole, and pumping rate/capacity. This information is needed to delineate the source water assessment area around the well. DEP used the well record to determine attribute data. In situations where DEP was unable to obtain attribute data, such as for a well drilled prior to 1947 or when a well record was not available, default values were generated using New Jersey Geological Survey's (NJGS) "Guidelines for Delineation of Well Head Protection Areas in New Jersey," Appendix B- Attachment 1. The guidance document is available on the internet at www.state.nj.us/dep/njgs/whpaguide.pdf, by contacting the DEP, New Jersey Geological Survey at (609) 292-1185, or from the DEP Maps and Publications Sales Office at (609) 777-1038.

For surface water intakes, source water assessment areas were developed based on the location of the intake and the entire drainage area upstream of the intake including headwaters and tributaries. These factors influence the shape and size of the delineations.

Next, the well or intake was located using Global Positioning System (GPS). All wells and intakes were GPS-located according to the "DEP GPS Data Collection Standards for GIS Data Development" available at www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/gpstrim.html. The DEP GPS-located the community water system wells and surface water intakes. The noncommunity water system wells were GPS-located by DEP, County Environmental Health Act (CEHA) Agencies, and the New Jersey Water Association.

After collecting the attribute data and GPS location, the source water assessment areas for wells and intakes were delineated. DEP performed the ground water source water assessment area delineations using the Combined Model/Calculated Fixed Radius Method for all public community water system wells and the Calculated Fixed Radius method for the noncommunity water system wells. For a detailed description of the delineation methods please refer to New Jersey's "Guidelines for Delineation of Well Head Protection Areas in New Jersey," Appendix B- Attachment 1.

For each ground water source, three tiers were calculated and labeled as Tier 1 (two year time of travel), Tier 2 (five year time of travel), and Tier 3 (12 year time of travel). Time of travel was established for determining the risk of contamination to a well. The two year time of travel was developed based on the potential for microbiological contamination. Studies show on average, bacteria can survive in ground water for approximately 170 days and

viruses can survive in ground water for approximately 270 days. The two year time of travel indicates the limits of concern for potential viable microbiological contamination of the water system through the source water.

The five year time of travel was established to address contamination from accidental discharges. This time of travel provides a reasonable amount of time to investigate, monitor, and/or remediate a spill within the source water assessment area. The third time of travel portion of the source water assessment area, 12 year, was designed in consideration of the known contaminant sources. Studies show that 10 to 15 years of time of travel generally covers the full length of a contaminant plume. The 12 year time of travel will permit enough time for responses to be made.

The DEP delineated the source water assessment areas for surface water intakes using the United States Geological Survey's (USGS) hydrologic unit code 14 (HUC14) as the base data-set for the delineations. Hydrologic unit codes identify drainage basins in a nested group from large to small. The larger the HUC number the smaller the drainage basin. For example a HUC4 will be made up of several smaller HUC8s, and the HUC8s will be made up of several smaller HUC14s. The source water assessment areas for the surface water intakes include the entire drainage area that flows past the intake, including headwaters and tributaries. For more information on the methodology used for surface water delineations, refer to Appendix B- Attachment 2, Surface Water Delineation Methodology.

The DEP has classified approximately 50 wells as "ground water under the direct influence of surface water" (GUDI). GUDI wells are classified according to site specific water quality measurements and provide additional treatment of the source water. For GUDI wells, the DEP performed a conjunctive delineation, an integrated delineation combining the ground water contribution and the surface water contribution to the well. The groundwater and surface water contribution were delineated using the same procedure described above, except the 2 year time of travel for the ground water delineation demarcated the downstream boundary.

A few GUDI wells do not have an obvious surface water body influencing the well. In these instances only the ground water delineated source water assessment area was available. Therefore, the 12 year time of travel boundary for the ground water delineation was used to define the surface water contribution area. An example of this scenario would be the Newton Water and Sewer Utility, Facility number 03, SFID number 010.

The ground water susceptibility models were applied to the GUDI wells ground water contribution area and the surface water susceptibility models were applied to the surface water contribution area. The final susceptibility rating for the GUDI well was determined by taking the higher susceptibility rating of the two (ground water and surface water). Using the pathogen contaminant category as an example, all surface water automatically received a high susceptibility rating for pathogens. Therefore, all GUDI wells received a high susceptibility rating for pathogens. Even if the GUDI well rated low to pathogens for the ground water contribution area, the high rating for the surface water contribution area was used as the final susceptibility rating (the highest rating of the two).

Step 2: Potential Contaminant Source Inventory

The second step of the SWAP is to identify the potential contaminant sources within the source water assessment area. These potential sources of contamination include point and nonpoint sources. Point source contaminants may be traced to a single source, such as known contaminated sites, industrial and commercial surface and ground water discharges, and sewage treatment discharges. Nonpoint source contaminants may not be traced to one single source because they come from several individual sources within a large area. Land use activities such as salting and runoff from roads and the application of pesticides and herbicides are examples of nonpoint sources. Nonpoint and point sources can have a significant impact on both surface water and ground water quality.

Potential contaminant source inventory information was primarily collected from existing DEP GIS databases. For nonpoint sources, digital GIS land use and land cover data for the years 1970, 1986, and 1995 were used. Several datasets of land coverage were used to account for the changes in land use over the years. The New Jersey Source Water Assessment Program Potential Contaminant Source Inventory (PCSI) Methodology, Appendix B-Attachment 3, describes how the potential contaminant source inventory was developed, the datasets used, the sites and activities included in the inventory, and the preliminary list of explanatory variables used in the susceptibility models.

For the purpose of the SWAP, the DEP, in conjunction with a Source Water Assessment Advisory Committee that met regularly during the development of the SWAP Plan, developed eight conceptual contaminant categories that represent microbiological and chemical contaminants of concern. These categories include pathogens, nutrients, volatile organic compounds, synthetic organic compounds, pesticides, inorganics, radionuclides and disinfection byproduct precursors. This list was further refined during the susceptibility model development process. Tables 2, 3, and 4 contain the final list of contaminant categories and explanatory variables. Each drinking water source was evaluated for susceptibility to each of the following contaminant categories.

Conceptual Contaminant Categories

Pathogens

Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria, protozoa, and viruses. Sources of pathogens include both point and nonpoint activities. An example of a point source of pathogens is a sewer system overflow. An example of a nonpoint source is runoff from areas where livestock are kept.

Nutrients

Common types of nutrients include nitrogen and phosphorous. Nutrients can harm environmental quality, human health, and the efficiency of the drinking water treatment plant by encouraging growth of photosynthetic microorganisms in surface water sources, which alter water characteristics (eutrophic conditions). Sources of nutrients are point and nonpoint sources. Effluents from a sewage treatment plant are a point source of nutrients. Nonpoint sources of nutrients include discharge from septic fields, areas where animal waste is stored, and runoff from agricultural and residential land where fertilizers were used.

Pesticides
Common sources of pesticides include land applications (nonpoint source) and manufacturing/distribution centers of pesticides (point source). Pesticides are manmade chemicals used to control bacteria, fungi, weeds, rodents, and insects. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine and insecticides such as chlordane.

Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOCs)
Sources of SOCs can be point and nonpoint. Common sources include chemical manufacturing plants, pharmaceutical plants, sewage treatment plants, and discharges from contaminated sites. Synthetic organic compounds are manmade.

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
Common types of VOCs include chemicals that are used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. VOCs are manmade compounds and are the most common organic contaminants in ground water in New Jersey. Sources of VOCs can be point and nonpoint. Examples of VOCs are methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), benzene and vinyl chloride.

Inorganics
Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and manmade. Sources of inorganics can be point and nonpoint; common sources include discharges from manufacturing plants, releases from contaminated sites, past land uses, and naturally occurring sources. Inorganics include arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, and asbestos.

Radionuclides
Sources of radionuclides can be point and nonpoint; common sources include the decay of naturally occurring minerals, leaching of subsurface material (for example rocks and sedimentary materials) into ground water, and improper disposal of radioactive waste. Radionuclides are a category of contaminant that is both naturally occurring and manmade. Radionuclides are radioactive substances such as radium and radon.

Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) Precursors
Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants used to kill pathogens during treatment react with dissolved organic material present in the water. A common source of DBP precursors is naturally occurring organic material such as leaves in surface water. The amount of organic matter, the type of disinfectant, the concentration of disinfectant, time of contact, pH, and temperature all have an effect on the concentration of disinfection byproducts produced. Chlorine is the most common disinfectant used in New Jersey.

Step 3: Susceptibility Determination
The third step of the SWAP is to determine the public water system's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a function of source sensitivity (for example soil type and well construction characteristics) and the intensity of surrounding use factors (for example the density of contamination sites or the type of land use).

SUSCEPTIBILITY = Sensitivity + Intensity

DEP contracted with the USGS to develop susceptibility assessment models, with DEP guidance, to determine susceptibility ratings for public supply wells and surface water intakes

for the contaminant categories of concern described in Step 2. Some states have determined susceptibility using relatively simple approaches that account for factors such as distance to contaminant sources, but the more thorough modeling approach employed for New Jersey provides a more accurate estimate of susceptibility. The models were based on results from an extensive analysis of ground water and surface water quality data from the DEP-USGS statewide cooperative monitoring networks for a select set of sites in New Jersey. Please refer to the documentation Methods to Determine the Susceptibility of Source Water to Community and Noncommunity Water Supplies in New Jersey to Contamination, Appendix B- Attachment 4 for more information.

USGS developed susceptibility models for seven contaminant categories and radon for both ground water and surface water. DEP had originally intended to develop a susceptibility model for "synthetic organic compounds" (SOCs), but did not do so for two reasons. First, SOCs under the Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Acts consist primarily of pesticides and as part of SWAP, USGS developed a pesticide susceptibility model. Secondly, as USGS investigated whether it could construct a SOCs model, USGS and DEP jointly determined that there was insufficient SOC data that was neither pesticide nor volatile organic compound (VOC) related. (USGS also developed a separate VOC model.) However, it is DEP's experience that the presence of non-pesticide, non-volatile SOCs will typically co-occur with VOCs. Specifically, recent work by DEP and others at community water systems using ground water as a source and known to be contaminated by volatile organic contamination from hazardous waste sites determined that "tentatively identified compounds" (TICs) were present. In this study, although DEP and others were primarily looking for non-volatile organic compounds, TICs were found at some frequency at these sites. As part of the study, a "control" water system with no hazardous waste site nearby and with no volatile contamination was tested and contained no TICs. Qualitative evaluation of the data show systems with the higher levels of volatile organic chemicals and with more than one VOC present contained the highest number of TICs. For these reasons, DEP has determined the SOC rating for a water system would be the same as the public water system's VOC rating, and that a separate SOC susceptibility model was unnecessary.

Separate susceptibility models were developed for radon and other radionuclides for two reasons. First, radon, a gas, is chemically and physically different from other radionuclide constituents. Second, radon most often occurs in areas where other radionuclides are not present. The remedy for radon is different from the remedy for other radionuclides. DEP was concerned that if both radon and other radionuclides were combined, the susceptibility rating would not show the difference in susceptibility of water systems' sources to the different radionuclides.

For the purpose of the source water assessments, all surface water was assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens, therefore a pathogen model was not developed for surface water. Surface water sources are subject to various sources of microbial contamination runoff containing fecal matter. All surface water intakes received a high rating for pathogens. Secondly, a radionuclide model was not developed for surface water. Radionuclides are primarily a concern of ground water, therefore, all surface water intakes received a low susceptibility rating for radionuclides.

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility based on the well or intake's location and explanatory variables. An explanatory variable is a variable that can be used to

predict the presence of a contaminant or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water. Tables 2, 3, and 4 illustrate the final explanatory variables used in determining sensitivity and intensity ratings for surface water intakes, unconfined wells, and confined wells. These tables also contain the conceptual variables used in the susceptibility rating determinations. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

A list of all contaminant variables reviewed can be found in the documentation Methods to Determine the Susceptibility of Source Water to Community and Noncommunity Water Supplies in New Jersey to Contamination, Appendix B- Attachment 4. For further information, Appendix B- Attachment 5 and 6, Contaminant Group Reports, provide detailed descriptions of the models used for SWAP.

In addition to evaluating the contaminant variables separately, groupings of several point source variables together as a single explanatory variable were investigated to determine if a certain subset of point sources produced meaningful results. USGS determined that although several types of point sources are not statistically significant individually, grouping them as a unit could produce meaningful results. These combinations are known as "Point Source Groupings."

Point Source Grouping 1: consists of sites on the Known Contaminated Site List and on the Solid Waste Landfill Site list. In general, these point sources are existing contamination sources.

Point Source Grouping 2: consists of New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System for permitted discharges to surface water, New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System storm water discharges, and Compost Facilities. These point sources are potential surface water contamination problems.

Point Source Grouping 3: consists of New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System discharges for ground water (NJPDES/DGW), Solid Waste Resource Recovery Facilities (RRF), Solid Waste Transfer Facilities (SWTF), and Class B Recycling Facilities. These point sources are potential ground water contamination problems. The last three activities (RRF, SWTF, and Class B) are designed not to discharge contamination and degrade ground water. They do handle pollutants, and there is a potential to cause contamination. Thus, they are included in the inventory. Facilities that discharge via a NJPDES/DGW permit are given strict permit limits. The discharge standards are typically at or below the ground water quality standards. While these activities are grouped for modeling purposes, the RRF, SWTF, and Class B Recycling Facilities do not appreciably affect the model, based on analysis by USGS.

Point Source Grouping 4: consists of sites regulated by the DEP Discharge Prevention and Countermeasures Plan regulations and Discharge Cleanup and Removal Plan regulations. These facilities store, transfer, process, or use hazardous substances and must specify and submit information regarding prevention, containment and countermeasure plans and discharge cleanup and removal plans.

Point Source Grouping 5: consists of regulated Underground Storage Tanks (USTs). USTs were treated as a separate point source grouping due to the large number of USTs in New Jersey, relative to the number of other types of potential point sources. There are approximately 19,454 underground storage tank registrations in New Jersey, consisting of active and inactive tanks. USTs were treated separately so that the number of USTs would not obscure possible statistical relations between susceptibility and other potential contaminant sources.

Point Source Grouping 6: consists of the entire Potential Contaminant Source Inventory of point sources.

Several point source groupings were combined to determine whether or not these point source groupings had an effect on a source's susceptibility. If a point source grouping combination was found to be significant it was used as an explanatory variable in the susceptibility models. The explanatory variables can be found in Tables 2, 3, and 4 dependent on the type of drinking water source.

Table 2: Surface Water Explanatory Variables

Illustrates the explanatory variables USGS used in their SWAP surface water modeling.

Constituent/Variable	Pathogens [1]	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides [1]	Radon [1]	DBPs - conceptual [2]
Sensitivity								
% Soil Clay			X					
% Soil Organic Matter				X [2]	X [2]			X [2]
PH of water-quality sample					X			
Physiographic Province					X [2]			
Water Region					X			
Intensity								
% Agricultural Land Use, 1995		X						
% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995					X [2]			
% Developed Land, 1995					X [2]			
% Residential Land Use, 1995			X					
% Urban Land Use, 1995		X		X	X			
Distance to Agricultural Land, 1995			X		X [2]			
Distance to Wetlands, 1995								X [2]
Density of NJPDES SW/Storm, Compost Facilities (Point Source Grouping 2)					X			
Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES SW/Storm, Compost Facilities (Point Source Groupings 1,2)				X				
Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST (Point Source Groupings 1, 3, 4, 5)					X			
Sewage Treatment Plant Density		X						
Total Pesticide Application			X					

[1] For the purpose of developing susceptibility models, a pathogen model was not developed because all surface water sources are considered highly susceptible to pathogens; a radionuclide model was not developed because radionuclides are not a concern in surface water.

[2] This conceptual variable shows a graphical relation to water-quality, improves the model, and is supported by scientific investigations.

Table 3: Ground Water Unconfined Explanatory Variables

Illustrates the explanatory variables USGS used in their SWAP ground water unconfined modeling.

Constituent/Variable	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	DBPs
Sensitivity								
% Soil Clay					X[4]		X[2]	
% Soil Organic Matter				X	X[2]			X[1]
Conceptual - GWUDI	X[3]							
Depth to Top of Open Interval	X	X[2]	X[2]		X[4]		X	
Depth of Well						X[2]		
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample					X			
Length of Open Interval		X[2]	X[2]					
NJGS Hydrologic Unit (Aquifer)								X[1]
pH of water-quality sample					X	X		
Physiographic Province					X[4]	X	X	
Soil Available Water Capacity	X[1]							
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity					X	X[2]		
Intensity								
% Agricultural Land Use, 1970						X		
% Agricultural Land Use, 1986		X	X					
% Agricultural Land Use, 1995							X	
% Barren Land Use, 1995					X			
% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995				X				
% Urban Land Use, 1970					X			
% Urban Land Use, 1995		X	X[2]					
Area of Urban Land Use, 1995 (square miles)				X				
% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995						X		
% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995						X		
% Impervious Surface, 1995				X				
Distance to Agricultural Land, 1995	X		X		X	X[1]		
Distance to Golf Course			X[2]					
Distance to DOT Roads					X			
Distance to Sewage Treatment Plant					X			
Distance to Wetlands, 1995							X[2]	
Square Miles of Wetlands, 1995								X[2]
Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC (Point Source Groupings 2, 3, 4)								X

Table 3 continued

Constituent/Variable	**Pathogens**	**Nutrients**	**Pesticides - conceptual[3]**	**SOCs[1]**	**VOCs**	**Inorganics**	**Radionuclides**	**Radon**	**DBPs**
Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facility, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST (Point Source Groupings 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)						X			
Density of SWL, UST, KCSL (Point Source Groupings 1, 5)					X				
Population Density						X			
Population Density, Tier 1						X			
Septic Tank Density	X[1]								
Septic Tank Density in Piedmont							X		
Sewage Treatment Plant Density						X			
Conceptual - Presence of Streams, Tier 1	X[3]								
Length of Railroads						X			

[1] This conceptual variable shows a graphical relation, improves the model, and is supported by scientific investigations.
[2] This conceptual variable shows a graphical relation to water quality and improves the model.
[3] Statistical tests could not be used because the variable was unavailable for the data set used to develop the model.
[4] This factor is a conceptual variable and an explanatory variable for the contaminant category. As a result of the contaminant category consisting of several inorganics (arsenic, barium, beryllium, fluoride, lead, and mercury), the factor is used as a conceptual and statistically significant variable. Percent soil clay is a conceptual variable (X^2) for lead and mercury, but a statistically significant explanatory variable for beryllium. For depth to top of open interval, the factor is conceptual (X^2) for fluoride and lead, and a statistically significant explanatory variable for beryllium. Thirdly, physiographic province is a conceptual variable (X^3) for mercury and a statistically significant explanatory variable for the arsenic, barium, beryllium, and fluoride models.

Table 4: Ground Water Confined Explanatory Variables

Illustrates the explanatory variables USGS used in their SWAP ground water modeling.

Constituent/Variable	**Pathogens**	**Nutrients**	**Pesticides**	**VOCs**	**Inorganics**	**Radionuclides**	**Radon**	**DBPs**
Sensitivity								
% Soil Organic Matter								
NJGS Hydrologic Unit (Aquifer)								X
Geologic Unit					X	X	X	
pH of water-quality sample								X
Intensity [1]								

[1] Confined wells are not susceptible to intensity variables.

Susceptibility is the measurement of potential for a public water system to become contaminated. The susceptibility models developed by the USGS were applied to all noncommunity water system sources and resulted in a high, medium, or low susceptibility rating for each source of water.

If a drinking water source's susceptibility is high, it does not mean the water is contaminated. High susceptibility is a vulnerability rating, not a factor determining whether or not the water is or is not safe to drink. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels. The water utility may be contacted for additional water quality information.

DEP calculated the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the contaminant categories. Table 5 summarizes the susceptibility rating information.

Table 5: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent %)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	DBPs
Ground Water[1]								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water[2]								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

[1] Noncommunity water systems wells in New Jersey in 2003 = 3480
[2] Noncommunity water system surface water sources in New Jersey in 2003 = 3

USGS developed a rating scoring system for each susceptibility model. When each model was applied to a well or intake, a rating score was generated. This score was then converted into a susceptibility rating of high, medium, or low. For further information on the susceptibility rating score scheme please refer to Appendix A- Attachment 2. The Safe Drinking Water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to guide the division between the three susceptibility ratings. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant. A medium susceptibility rating was assigned where the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high susceptibility rating was assigned where the potential contaminant level was equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. For the list of New Jersey primary and secondary drinking water standards, containing the MCLs, please refer to http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watersupply/standard.htm.

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens). In fact, a high percentage of community water system surface water intakes were found to be highly susceptible to the same contaminant categories. Eighty-one percent of community water system surface water intakes were found to be highly

susceptible to inorganics and 98% were found to be highly susceptible to disinfection byproduct precursors.

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%). When reviewing the results of the medium susceptibility ratings for noncommunity water system wells, the three contaminant categories in which a high percentage of the wells rated medium are disinfection byproduct precursors (97%), radon (72%), pesticides and nutrients (both 66%).

Step 4: Public Participation and Outreach

The fourth step, public participation and outreach, is an essential component of the SWAP. The 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act place a strong emphasis on public participation. To ensure the source water assessments are used for source water protection efforts, the public was involved from the beginning of the program.

The DEP used a variety of techniques to include the public in the program.

1. **Created a Source Water Assessment Advisory Committee to provide input on the draft and final SWAP Plan**. The Source Water Assessment Advisory Committee continued to meet with the DEP regularly to discuss the status of the assessments and provide suggestions during the development of the program. In addition, the Source Water Assessment Advisory Committee provided advice concerning the source water assessment summaries and reports.

2. **Developed a SWAP newsletter, the "New Jersey Source Water Assessment News."** Issues of the "New Jersey Source Water Assessment News" may be found at www.state.nj.us/dep/swap. The newsletter was sent to committee members, public water systems, county health agencies, environmental organizations, municipalities, drinking water laboratories, and other interested parties. The New Jersey Source Water Assessment News informed readers of the status of the SWAP, contact information, source water protection issues, and other related topics.

3. **Published SWAP articles in several organizations' newsletters.** For example, articles were published in the New Jersey Section of American Water Works Association newsletter "Pipeline" and the DEP Division of Watershed Management newsletter "Focus."

4. **Provided speakers for numerous SWAP presentations throughout the State.** The presentations were regularly presented to water purveyors at New Jersey Water Association training courses and other interested organizations such as the watershed management area committees.

The DEP will continue its public outreach following the release of the source water assessments. Public outreach activities will include training sessions for water purveyors, published SWAP articles, and correspondence with interested parties such as purveyors, municipalities, planning boards, and environmental commissions.

SECTION IV - NONCOMMUNITY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM INDIVIDUAL SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT REPORTS (ARRANGED BY PWID)

Titusville Academy Princeton

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How "sensitive" the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as "intensity of use." For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP's water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

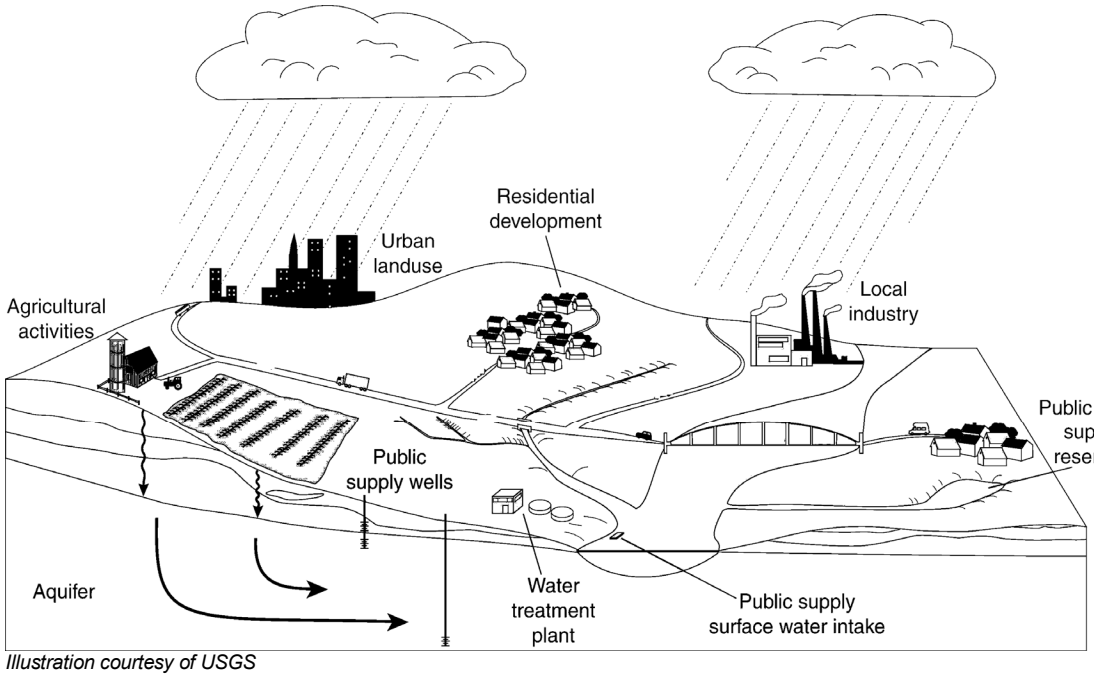
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

Here are some actions that municipal and county officials/local and county planners can take and you can help encourage and support.

- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Titusville Academy Princeton

Titusville Academy Princeton (PWID 1106300) at 86 River Drive, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 100 people (in 2003). Titusville Academy Princeton consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Titusville Academy Princeton's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

If the variable value is shown as zero, then attributes or land activities are not present in the source water assessment area. If a value is not shown, this represents either unavailable data, or in the case of "Distance to" variables land activities of that type are not present in the source water assessment area.

This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

For more information please refer to the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County, available on the Source Water Assessment Program website. You may also contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550.

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.1	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	53.03
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	53.03
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.68	% Impervious Surface, 1995	11.7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	12.96
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	14.7	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	30.68	% Urban Land Use, 1970	55.89
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.68	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	230.3
		Length of railroads	1652.94
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	78.12
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	78.2
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	30.68	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	9.01
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	14.7	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	549.6
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.68	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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Washington Crossing State Park (Interpertive Center)

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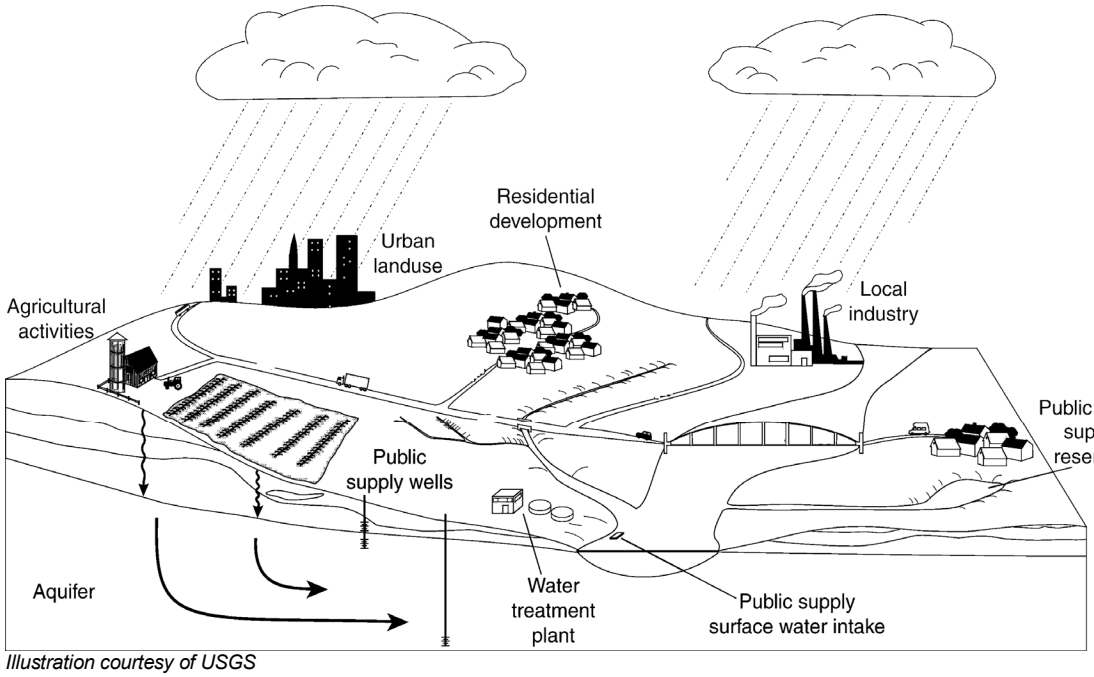

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Washington Crossing State Park (Interpertive Center)

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	734.9
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	176.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	1.7
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	7.91
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	7.91
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	734.9
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.99	% Impervious Surface, 1995	0.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	734.9
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	19.88	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.96	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.99	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	450.59
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	459.05
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	10.4
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	734.9
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	10.4
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	19.88	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1.2
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	555.5
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.99	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Tavern @ Pennytown

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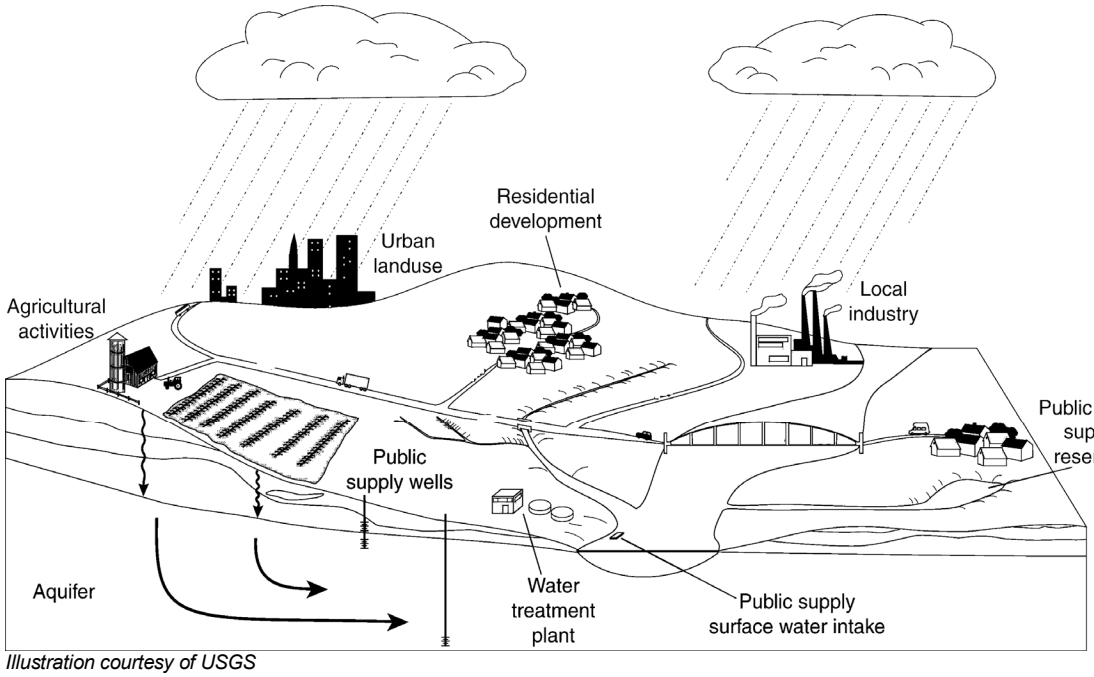

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Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	466.86
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	54.31
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	286.11
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	44.99
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	22.97
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	44.99
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	22.97
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	466.86
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.06	% Impervious Surface, 1995	13.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	30.16
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.03
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	29.8
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	29.8
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	466.86
Depth to Top of Open Interval	405	Population Density, Tier 1	164.83
% Soil Clay	21.14	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.27	% Urban Land Use, 1970	2.4
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	80.99
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.54
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	67.23
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	466.86
Conceptual Depth of Well	405	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	67.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.27	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	66.6
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.14	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	12.02
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	83.02
Depth to Top of Open Interval	405		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Faherty's Pub

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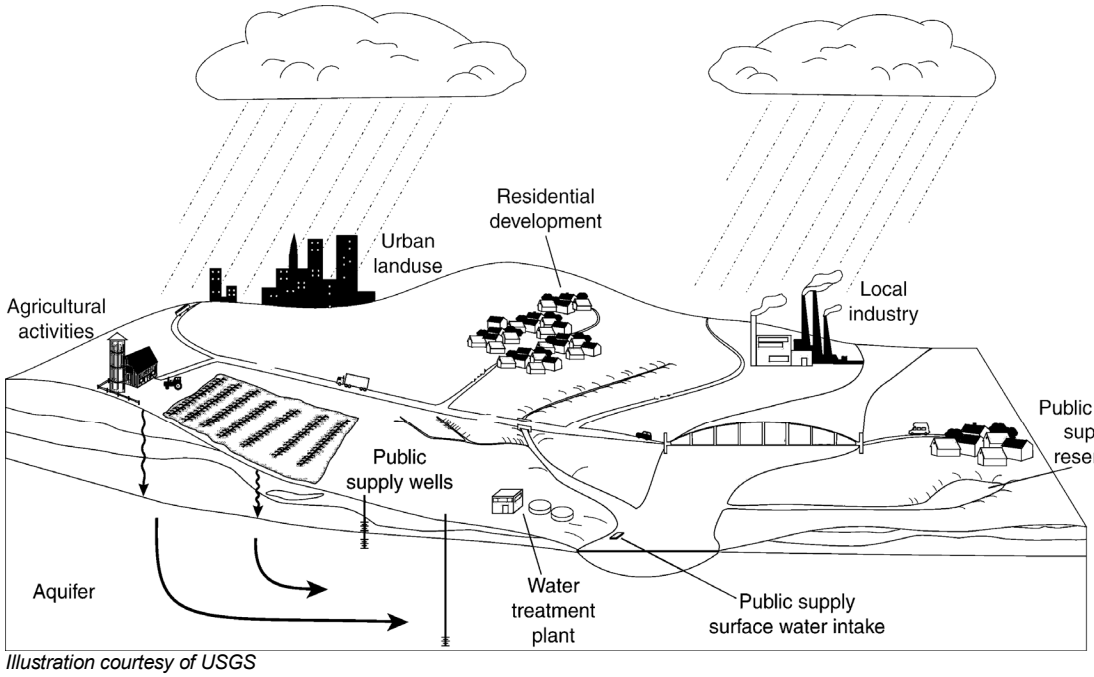

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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Faherty's Pub

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Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
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Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.09	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	1067.58
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	37.42
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
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pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	15.97	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
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Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.65	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	78.99
		Length of railroads	1793.85
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
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Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Karens Brookside Drive-In

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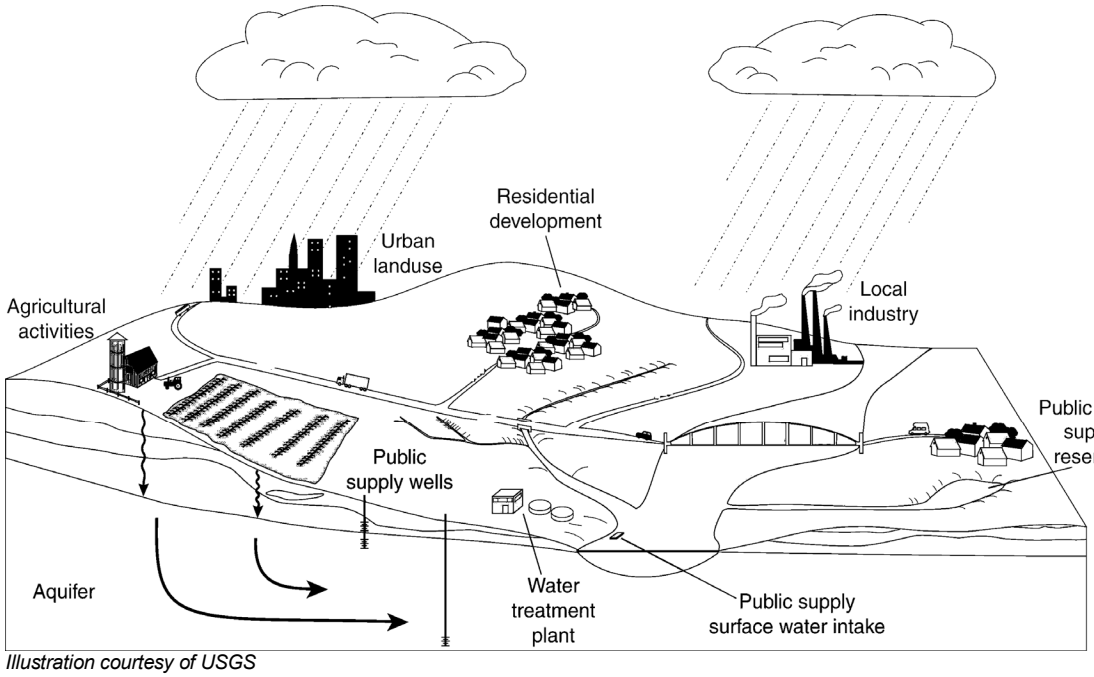

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Karens Brookside Drive-In

Karens Brookside Drive-In (PWID 1106306) at 281 Route #31 North, Hopewell, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 100 people (in 2003). Karens Brookside Drive-In consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
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Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Karens Brookside Drive-In's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**H**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = H			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.18	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	40.34
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	47.35
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	741.16
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	18.7
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	47.87
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	18.7
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	47.87
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	40.34
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	7.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	10.5
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	40.34
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	146.59
% Soil Clay	22.08	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.87	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	50.95
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	143.28
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	31.17
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	40.34
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	52.8
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.87	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	70.27
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	22.08	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	35.8
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	71.61
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Stage Depot

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
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Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP's water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
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There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

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Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.

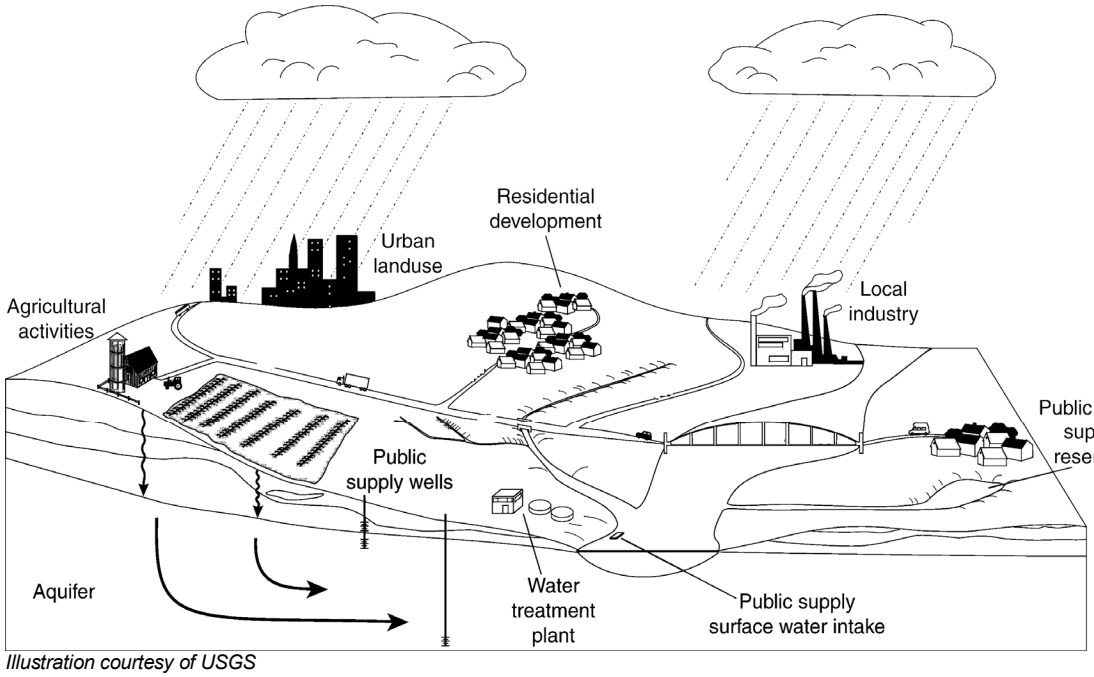

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Stage Depot's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	372.38
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	53.17
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	758.95
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	43.84
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	16.22
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	16.22
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.18	% Impervious Surface, 1995	12.5
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	25.43
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.07
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	13.2
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	13.2
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	372.38
Depth to Top of Open Interval	100	Population Density, Tier 1	164.46
% Soil Clay	21.72	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.41	% Urban Land Use, 1970	27.26
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.18	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	121.1
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.39
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	62.26
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	372.38
Conceptual Depth of Well	100	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	64.7
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.72	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	14.51
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	193
Depth to Top of Open Interval	100		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.18	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.04
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Washington Crossing Tavern

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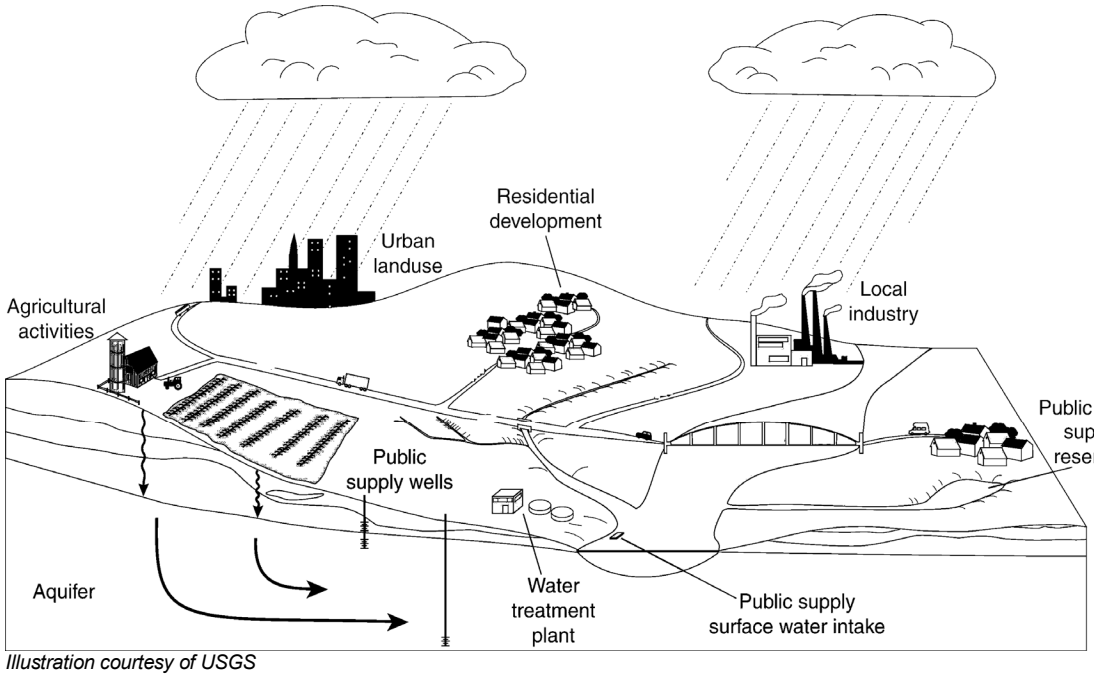

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Washington Crossing Tavern

Washington Crossing Tavern (PWID 1106309) at 1326 River Road, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 50 people (in 2003). Washington Crossing Tavern consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Washington Crossing Tavern's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**M**	**L**	**L**	**L**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

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Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.11	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	173.39
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	58.76
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	58.76
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.8	% Impervious Surface, 1995	15.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	3.3
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.07
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	17.6
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	17.6
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	200	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	13.52	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	18.74	% Urban Land Use, 1970	53.08
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.8	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	78.08
		Length of railroads	1806.3
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	98.2
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	200	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	98.1
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	13.52	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	500.57
Depth to Top of Open Interval	200		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.8	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Pennington Cleaners

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How "sensitive" the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as "intensity of use." For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

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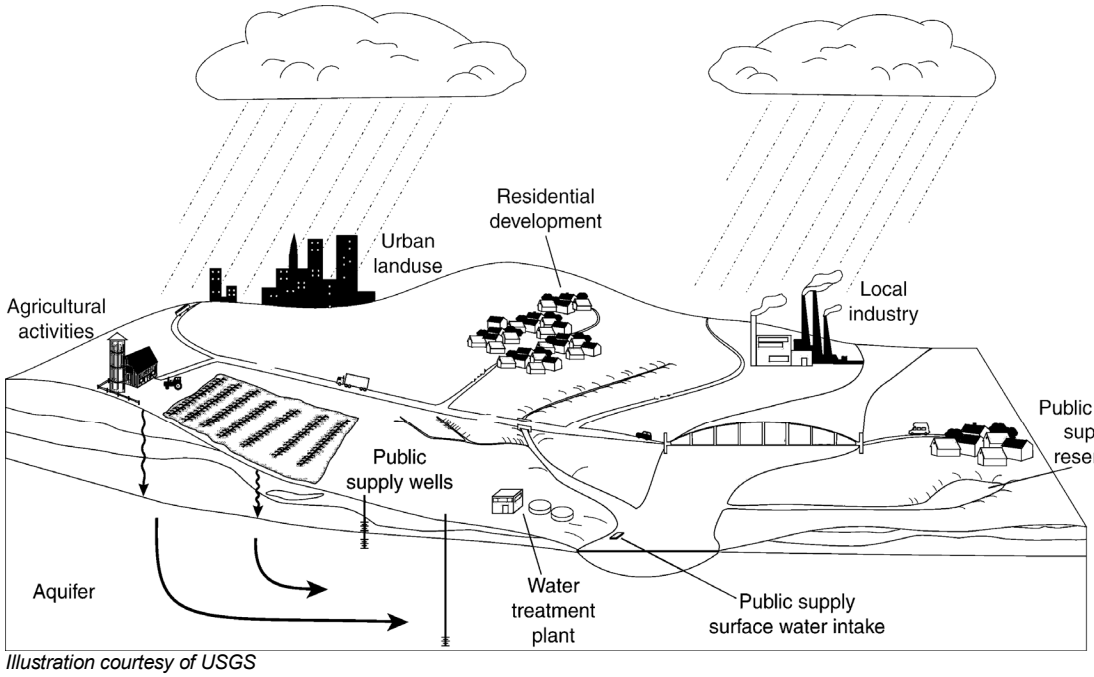

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Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Replacement Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.78
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	58.84
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	279.21
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	63.5
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	25.39
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	63.5
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	25.39
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.78
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.66	% Impervious Surface, 1995	28.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	63.5
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.01
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.78
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	23.51	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.18	% Urban Land Use, 1970	78.58
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.66	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	193.12
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	169.18
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	87.2
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.78
Conceptual Depth of Well	500	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	99.6
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.18	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	21.42
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.51	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	24.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	163
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.66	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Wildflowers

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Source Water Assessment Report

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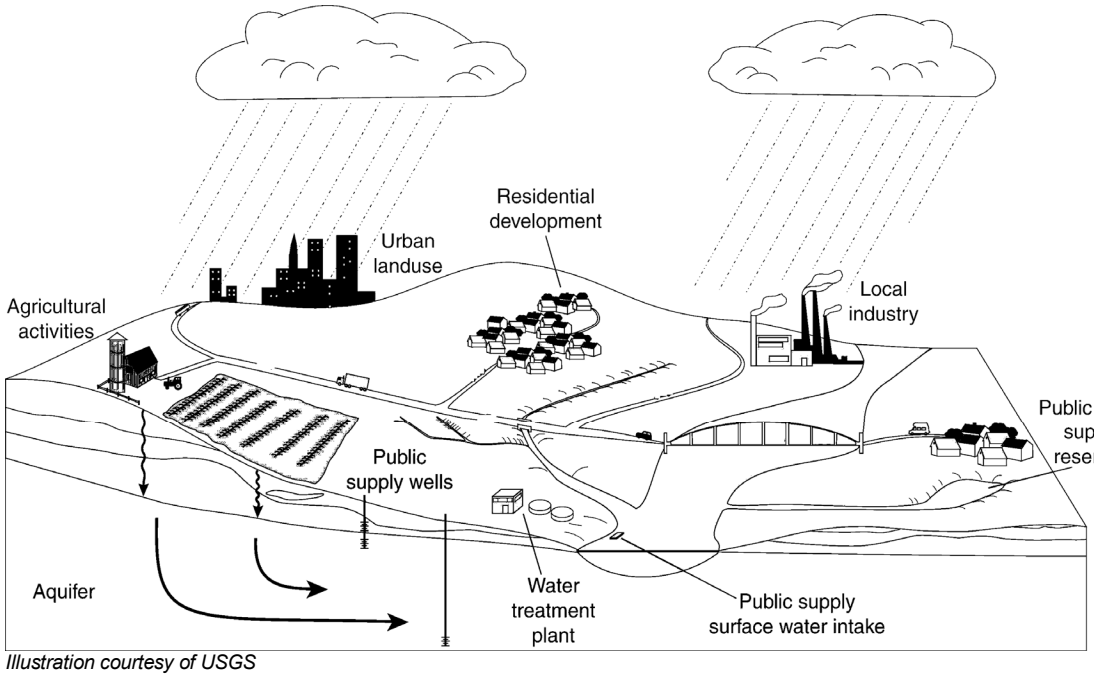

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.1
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.63
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	597.88
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	52.61
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	22.1
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	40.66
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	55.2
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	66.2
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.1
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.93
% Soil Clay	23.56	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.02	% Urban Land Use, 1970	80.18
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	92.28
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	171.61
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	71.4
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.1
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	90.9
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.56	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	28.41
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	292.67
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	1
pH of water-quality sample			

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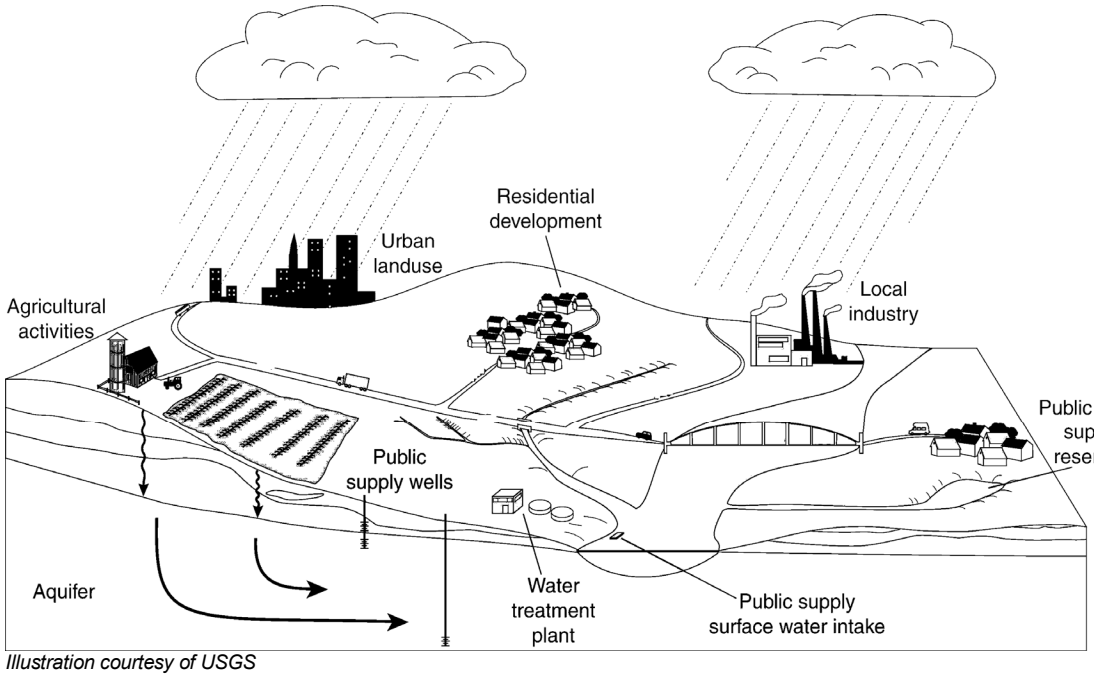

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Source: Well 3 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1332.69
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	1773.03
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	80.06
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0.63
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	80.06
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0.63
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1332.69
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	0
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.23	% Impervious Surface, 1995	5
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.18
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample	1.29	Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample	6.71	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1332.69
Depth to Top of Open Interval	200	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	21.44	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.97	% Urban Land Use, 1970	75.98
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.23	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	1174.77
		Length of railroads	1399.35
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample	6.71	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	95.5
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1332.69
Conceptual Depth of Well	200	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	95.6
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.97	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	22.92
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.44	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	24.88
Depth to Top of Open Interval	200		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.23	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.02
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample	6.71		

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 5 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1335.83
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	1651.59
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	79.5
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0.21
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	79.5
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0.21
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1335.83
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	0
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.25	% Impervious Surface, 1995	4.5
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.17
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1335.83
Depth to Top of Open Interval	350	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	21.5	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.81	% Urban Land Use, 1970	79.48
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.25	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	1258.9
		Length of railroads	1214.32
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	93.71
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1335.83
Conceptual Depth of Well	350	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	93.8
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.81	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	18.32
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.5	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0.2
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	19.99
Depth to Top of Open Interval	350		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.25	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.02
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 2 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.17	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	384.82
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	71.67
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	12.81
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	71.67
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	12.81
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	384.82
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	74.63
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.92	% Impervious Surface, 1995	9.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.06
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	384.82
Depth to Top of Open Interval	180	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	19.49	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.51	% Urban Land Use, 1970	57.4
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.92	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	809.8
		Length of railroads	1624.02
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	100
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Conceptual Depth of Well	180	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	100
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.51	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	42.6
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Conceptual % Soil Clay	19.49	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	12.81
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	762.04
Depth to Top of Open Interval	180		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.92	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How "sensitive" the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as "intensity of use." For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP's water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

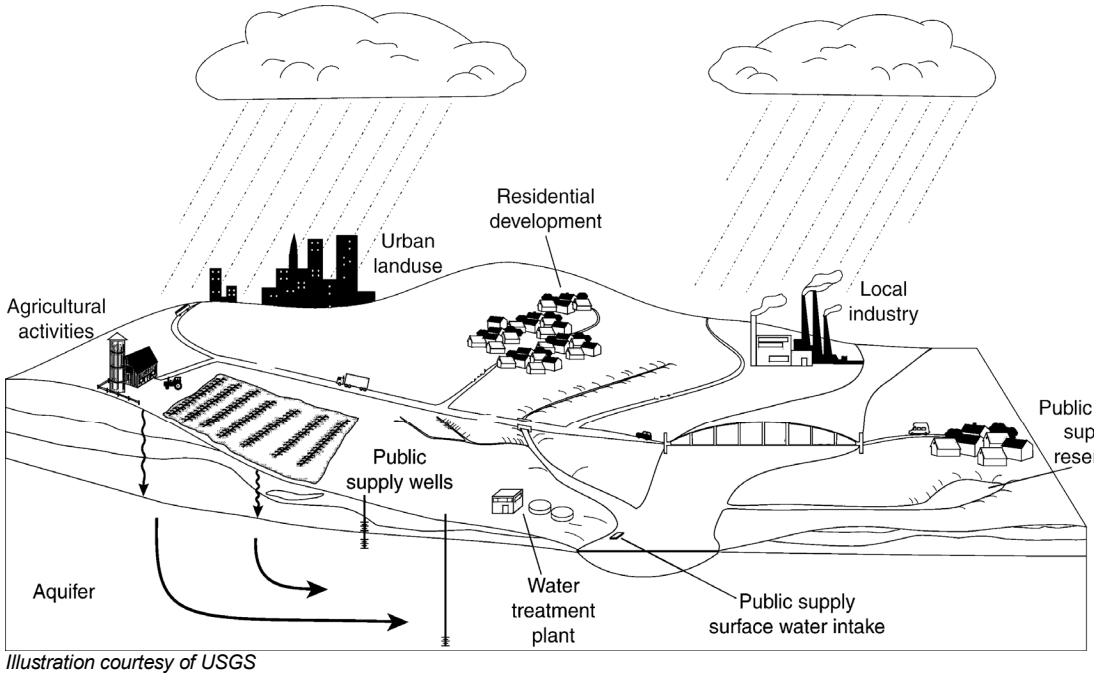
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

Here are some actions that municipal and county officials/local and county planners can take and you can help encourage and support.

- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Berwyn Group

Berwyn Group (PWID 1106315) at Route 569 350 Carter Road, Hopewell, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 2 people (in 2003). Berwyn Group consists of 2 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Berwyn Group's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**L**	**L**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**
Well 3	**M**	**L**	**L**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	36
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	36
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.03	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	33.6
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.1
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample	3.88	Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	3.5
pH of water-quality sample	7.2	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	400	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	23.62	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.61	% Urban Land Use, 1970	52
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.03	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	1205.89
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample	7.2	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	46.4
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	400	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	46.4
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.61	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0.6
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.62	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	35.11
Depth to Top of Open Interval	400		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.03	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.03
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	1
pH of water-quality sample	7.2		

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 3 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1251.27
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	50.67
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	40.16
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	1.27
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	40.16
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	1.27
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1251.27
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.06	% Impervious Surface, 1995	8.9
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	38.16
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.09
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample	3.2	Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample	7.31	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1251.27
Depth to Top of Open Interval	400	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	23.41	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.25	% Urban Land Use, 1970	61.26
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	1244.87
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample	7.31	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	32.53
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1251.27
Conceptual Depth of Well	400	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	32.5
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.25	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0.9
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.41	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1.2
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	91.53
Depth to Top of Open Interval	400		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.02
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample	7.31		

Bear Tavern Elementary School

1106316

Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

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DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

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Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

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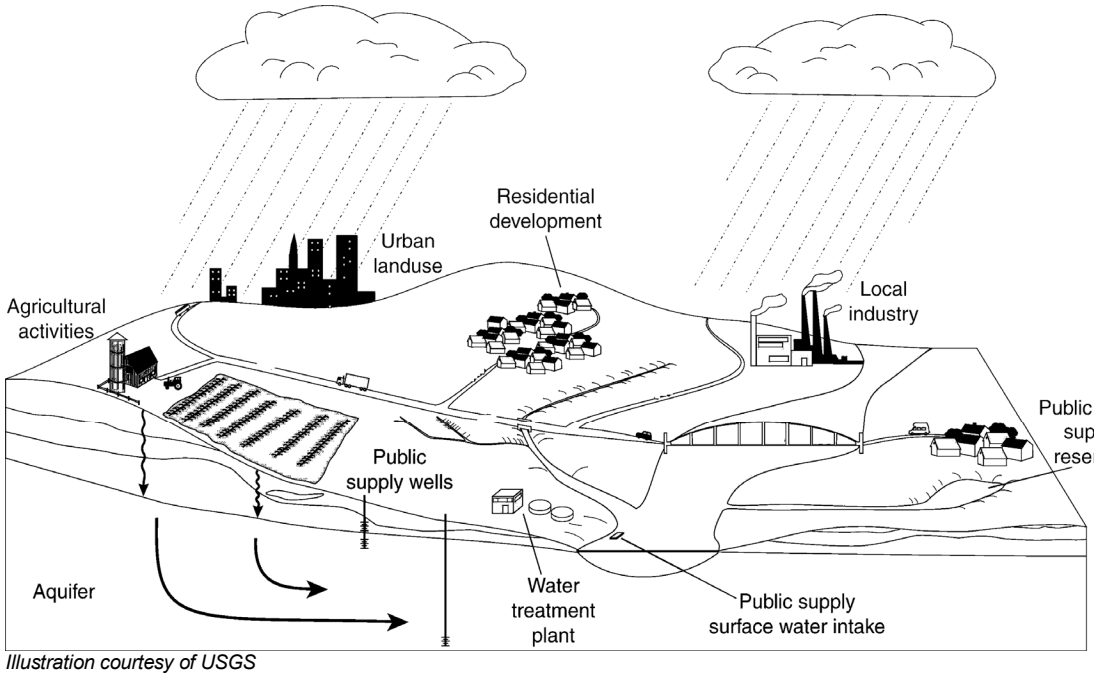
A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Bear Tavern Elementary School

Bear Tavern Elementary School (PWID 1106316) at Bear Tavern Road, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 840 people (in 2003). Bear Tavern Elementary School consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Bear Tavern Elementary School's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

If the variable value is shown as zero, then attributes or land activities are not present in the source water assessment area. If a value is not shown, this represents either unavailable data, or in the case of "Distance to" variables land activities of that type are not present in the source water assessment area.

This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	92.23
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	98.03
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	36.14
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	47.75
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	36.14
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	47.75
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	92.23
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.95	% Impervious Surface, 1995	5.6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	9.31
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.07
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	5
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	5
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	92.23
Depth to Top of Open Interval	300	Population Density, Tier 1	195.7
% Soil Clay	21.01	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.85	% Urban Land Use, 1970	13.39
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.95	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	330.39
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	277.73
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	60
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	92.23
Conceptual Depth of Well	300	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	81.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.85	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	85.31
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.01	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	42.94
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	1118.33
Depth to Top of Open Interval	300		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.95	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Timberlane Junior High School

1106317

Source Water Assessment Report

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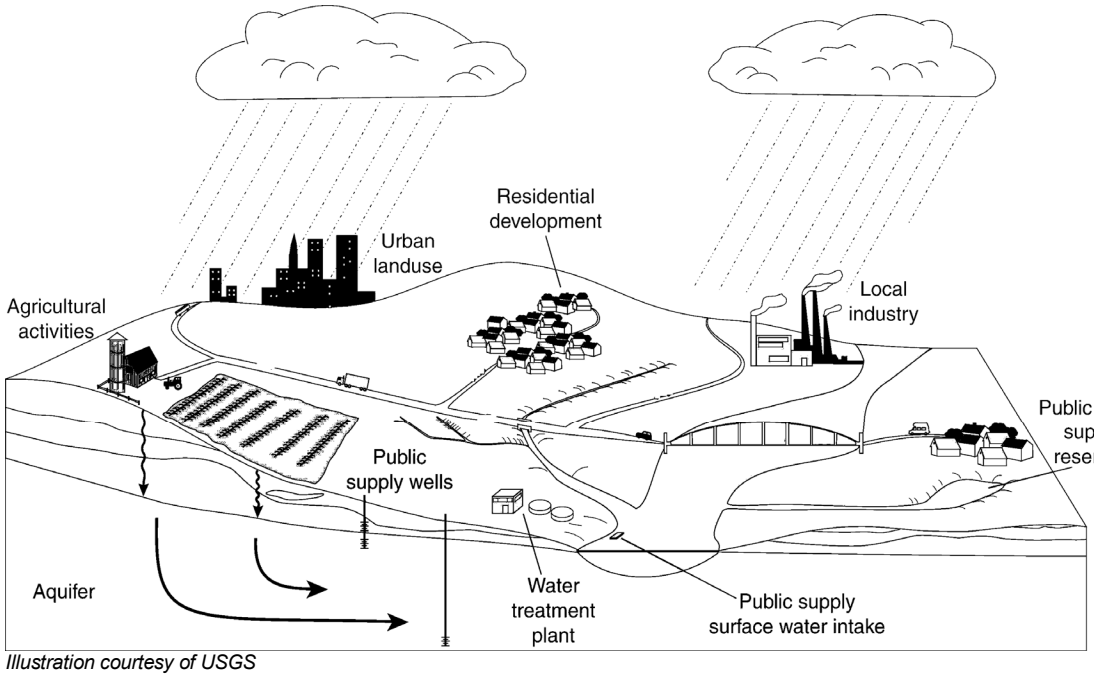

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Timberlane Junior High School

Timberlane Junior High School (PWID 1106317) at S Timberlane Rd, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 860 people (in 2003). Timberlane Junior High School consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	809.25
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	92.2
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	47.75
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	30.89
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		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	809.25
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.96	% Impervious Surface, 1995	11.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	11.09
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.41
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	5.8
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	5.8
pH of water-quality sample	7.74	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	809.25
Depth to Top of Open Interval	304	Population Density, Tier 1	290.44
% Soil Clay	21.27	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0.2
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.84	% Urban Land Use, 1970	48.15
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.96	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	373.79
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	307.51
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample	7.74	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	81
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	809.25
Conceptual Depth of Well	304	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	87.4
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.84	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	51.85
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.27	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	24.28
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	241.87
Depth to Top of Open Interval	304		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.96	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.04
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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Hopewell Valley Tennis Center & Swim Club

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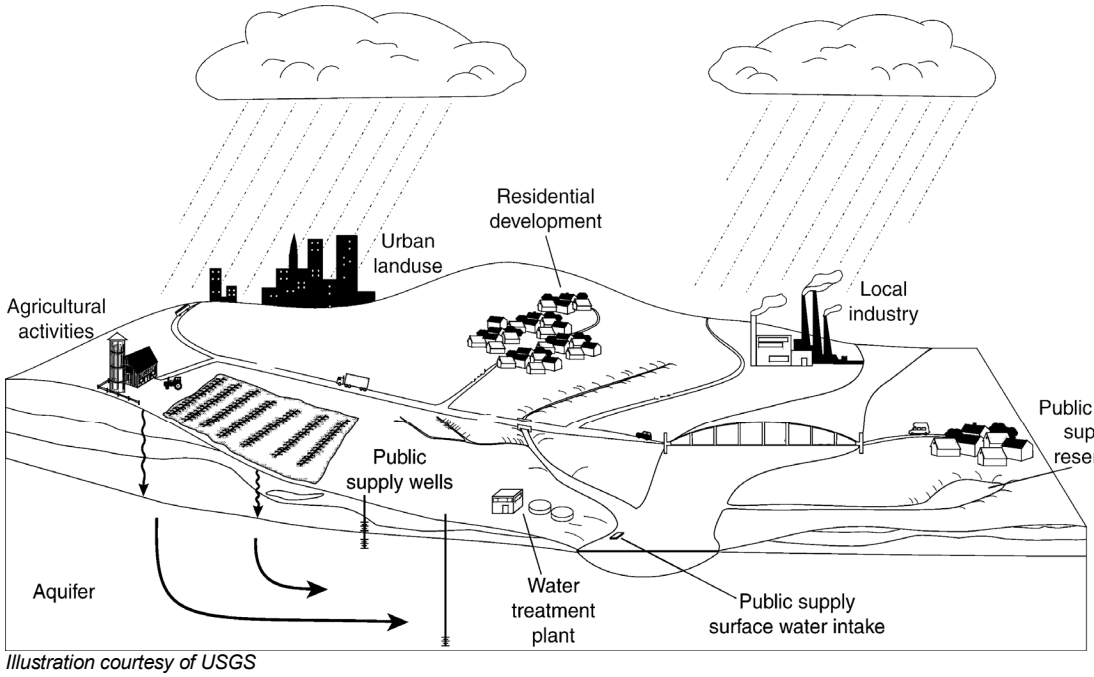

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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Hopewell Valley Tennis Center & Swim Club

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Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.78	% Impervious Surface, 1995	23.2
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Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
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Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	21.29	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
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Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.78	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	76.48
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DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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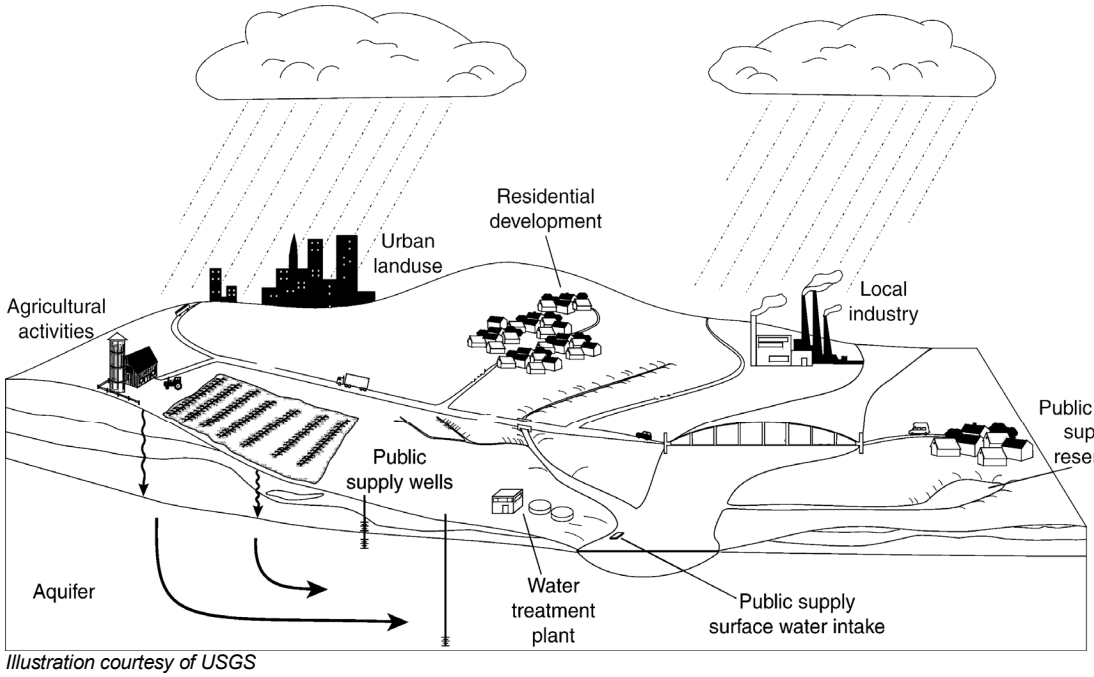

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Pennington Shop Rite

Pennington Shop Rite (PWID 1106319) at 2555 Pennington Rd, Trenton, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 125 people (in 2003). Pennington Shop Rite consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Pennington Shop Rite's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

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This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	236.14
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	50.71
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	38.74
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	20.12
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	38.74
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	20.12
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	236.14
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.68	% Impervious Surface, 1995	17.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	35.04
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	33.1
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	33.1
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	236.14
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	21.98	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.54	% Urban Land Use, 1970	47
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.68	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	581.26
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	167.13
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	43.64
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	236.14
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	49.7
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.54	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	53
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.98	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	20.12
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	289.15
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.68	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Bristol Myers Squibb Co.

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How "sensitive" the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as "intensity of use." For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP's water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

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The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

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Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

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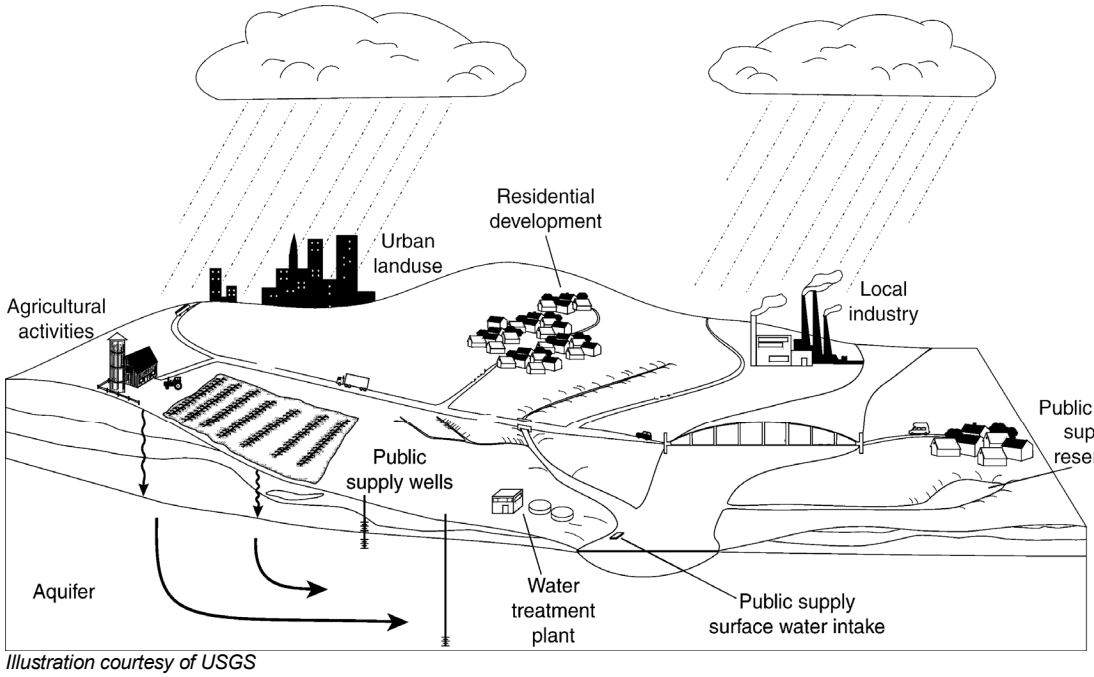

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Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	634.18
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	1178.55
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	35.8
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	47.85
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	35.8
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	47.85
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	634.18
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.95	% Impervious Surface, 1995	10
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	22
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.25
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	4.2
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	8.5
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	634.18
Depth to Top of Open Interval	426	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	20	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.57	% Urban Land Use, 1970	10.89
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.95	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	818.78
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	66.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	634.18
Conceptual Depth of Well	426	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	82.7
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.57	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	87.71
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	43.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	1203.44
Depth to Top of Open Interval	426		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.95	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	3
pH of water-quality sample			

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 2 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = H			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	28.63
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	2994.21
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	26.05
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	45.45
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	26.05
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	45.45
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	28.63
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.96	% Impervious Surface, 1995	8.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	21.24
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.16
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample	7.9	Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	1.7
pH of water-quality sample	7.75	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	28.63
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	19.31	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	10.1	% Urban Land Use, 1970	12.63
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.96	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	1164.49
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample	7.75	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	31.93
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	28.63
Conceptual Depth of Well	500	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	61.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	10.1	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	84.47
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	19.31	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	37.37
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	363.15
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.96	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.08
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	1
pH of water-quality sample	7.75		

Greg's Deli

1106325

Source Water Assessment Report

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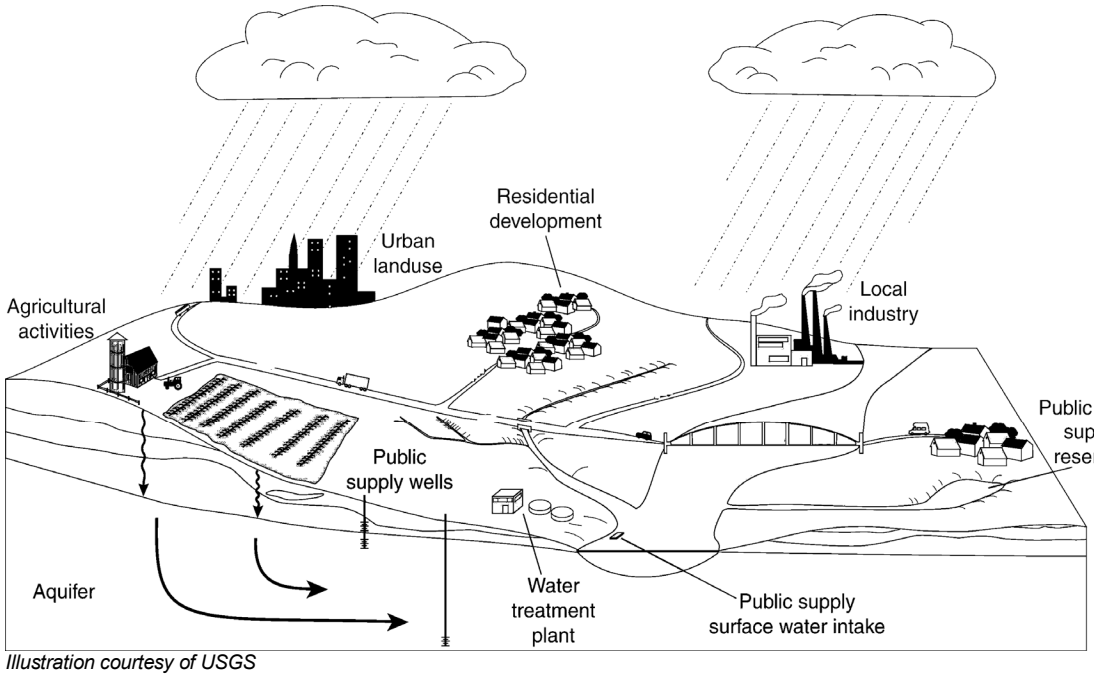

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Well	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.17	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	339.74
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	60.66
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	30.33
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	12.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	5.41
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	24.6
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	24.6
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	339.74
Depth to Top of Open Interval	130	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.56	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.8	% Urban Land Use, 1970	41.9
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	60.7
		Length of railroads	1571.84
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	99.8
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	339.74
Conceptual Depth of Well	130	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	99.9
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.56	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	30.33
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
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American Legion Post 339

1106326

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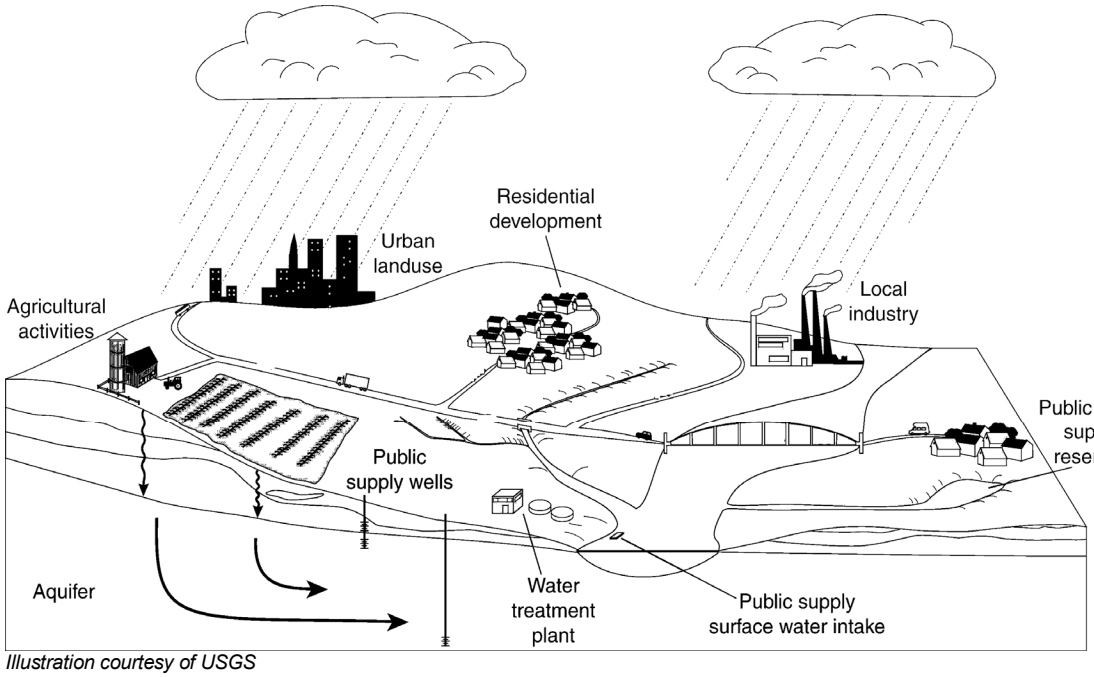

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Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	54.95
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% Soil Organic Matter	0.59	% Impervious Surface, 1995	9.6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	45.25
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample	4.95	Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample	6.89	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	400	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	26.49	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	4.5	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.59	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	427.29
		Length of railroads	860.37
		Population Density	164.98
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pH of water-quality sample	6.89	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	60.6
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Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	266.64
Depth to Top of Open Interval	400		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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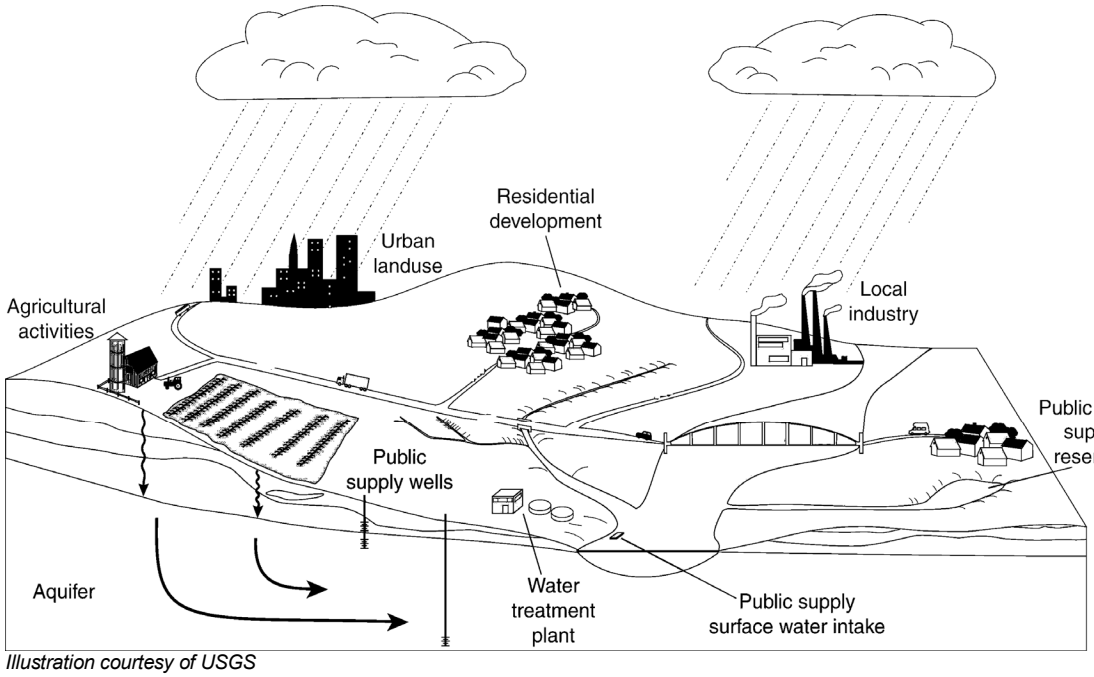

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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
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Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
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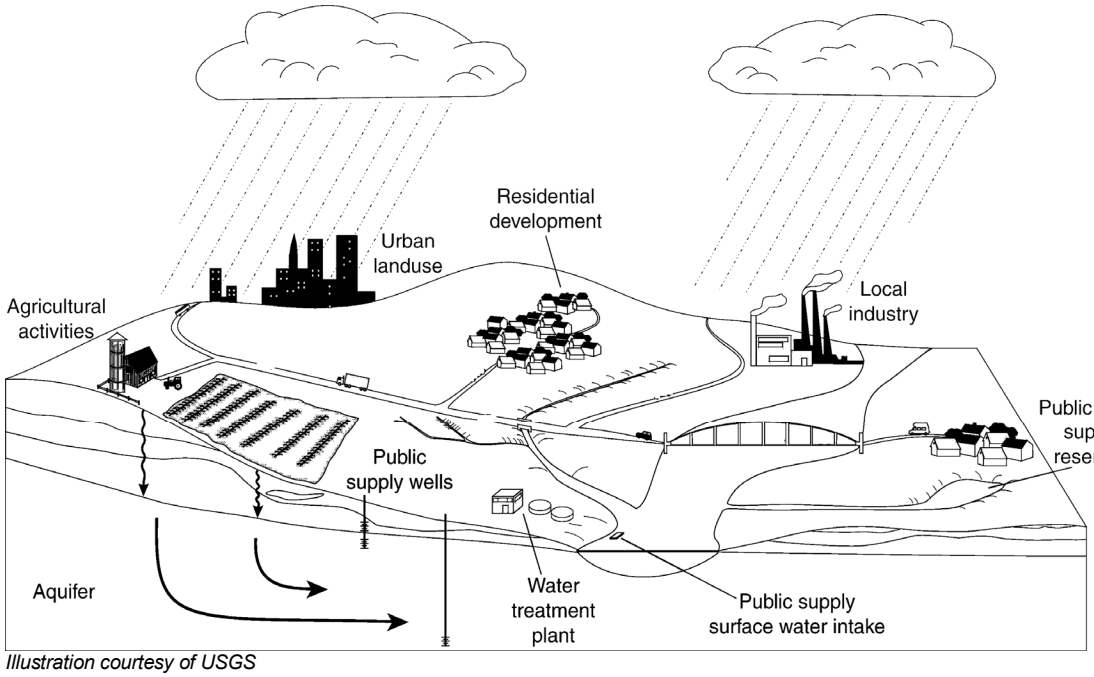

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- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area)

Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area) (PWID 1106329) at Washington Crossing Sp, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 125 people (in 2003). Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area) consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
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Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area)'s Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**M**	**L**	**L**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.13	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	616.08
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	18.24
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	18.24
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.05	% Impervious Surface, 1995	1.7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	18.53	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	14.77	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.05	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	17
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	17
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	14.77	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	18.53	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.05	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Washington Crossing State Park (Main Office)

1106330

Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How "sensitive" the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as "intensity of use." For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP's water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

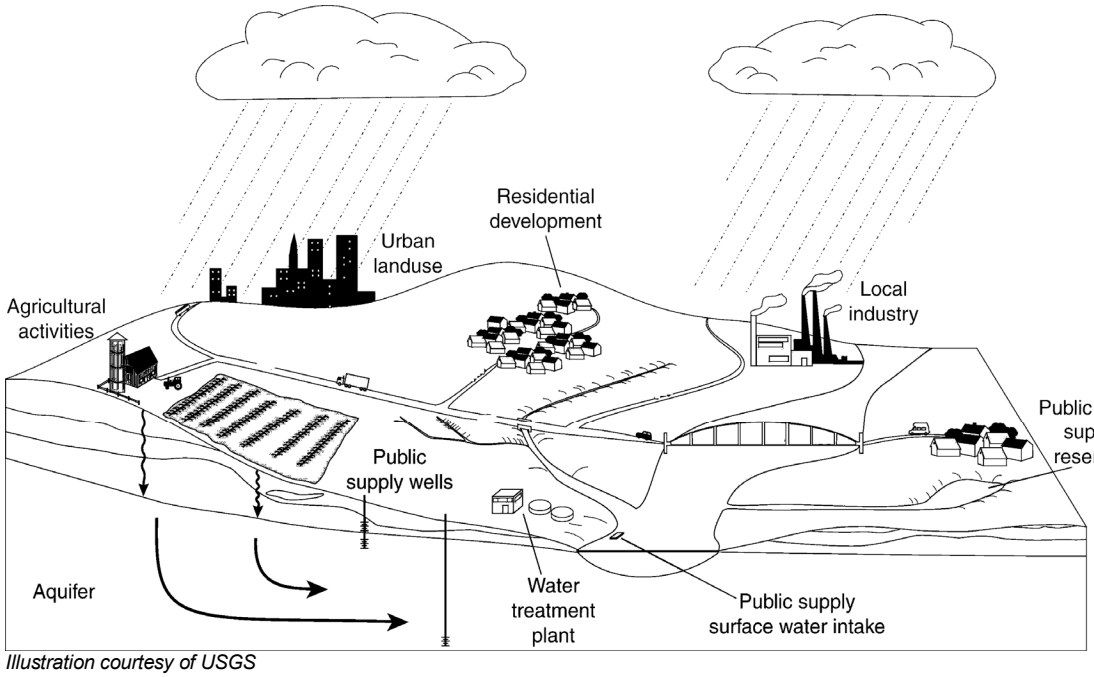
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Washington Crossing State Park (Main Office)

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	190.88
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.54
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	82.2
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.54
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	82.2
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	190.88
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.06	% Impervious Surface, 1995	3.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	190.88
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.83	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.94	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	369.24
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	83
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	190.88
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	100
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.94	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	100
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.83	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	52.25
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Washington Crossing State Park (Visitor Center)

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Source Water Assessment Report

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- How "sensitive" the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
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The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

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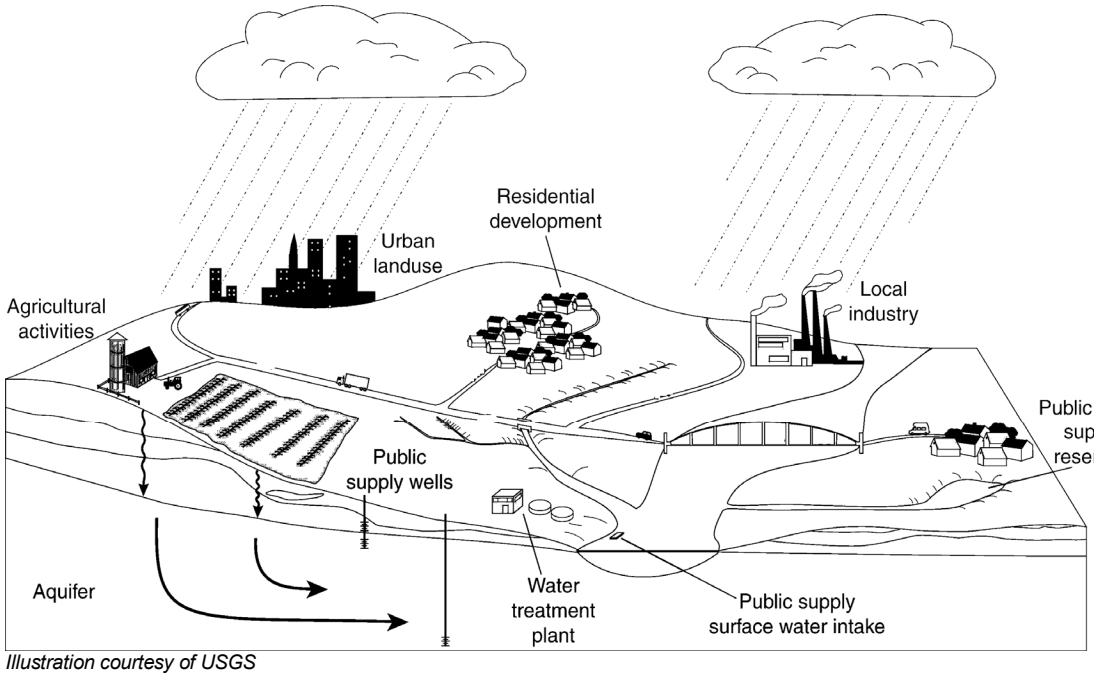

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	48.15
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	48.15
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.98	% Impervious Surface, 1995	7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	11
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	11
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	20.15	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.85	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.98	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	637.66
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	41.3
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	41.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.85	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.15	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	150.06
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Washington Crossing State Park (Main Office)

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
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- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

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The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

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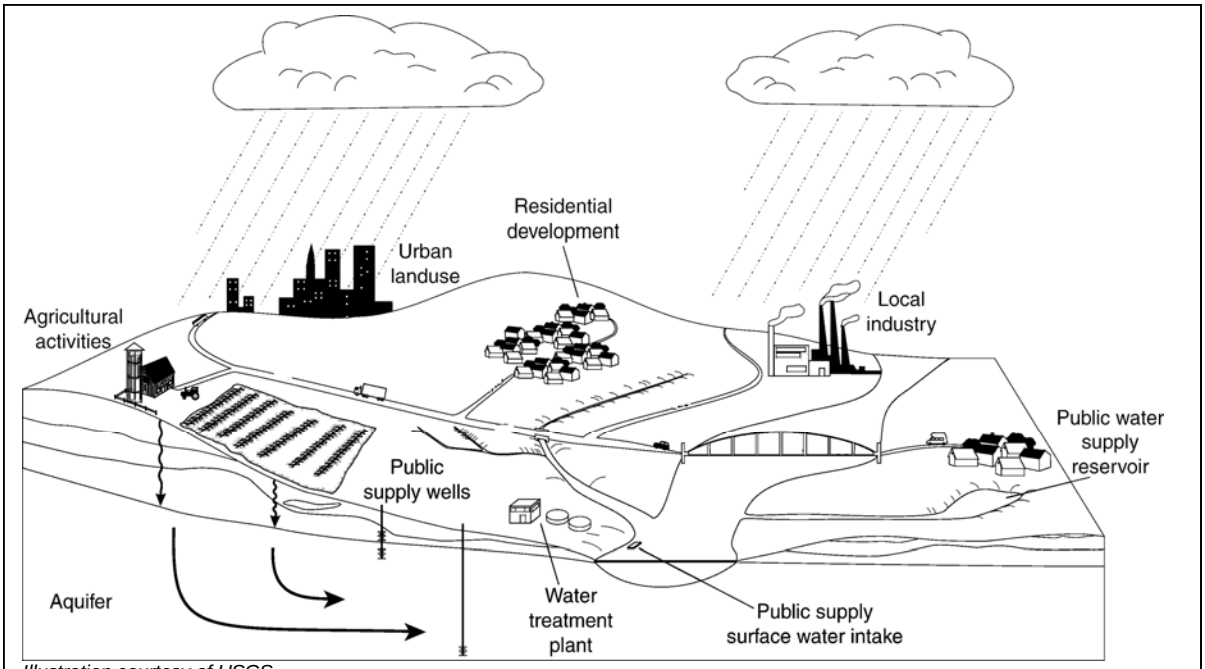

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Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.13	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	786.15
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.48
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0.66
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0.66
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	786.15
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.76	% Impervious Surface, 1995	5.5
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	9.57
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	786.15
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	20.43	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	28.65	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.76	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	404.71
		Length of railroads	1505.88
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	55.1
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	786.15
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	55.1
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	28.65	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.43	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.76	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Washington Crossing State Park (Grove Picnic Area)

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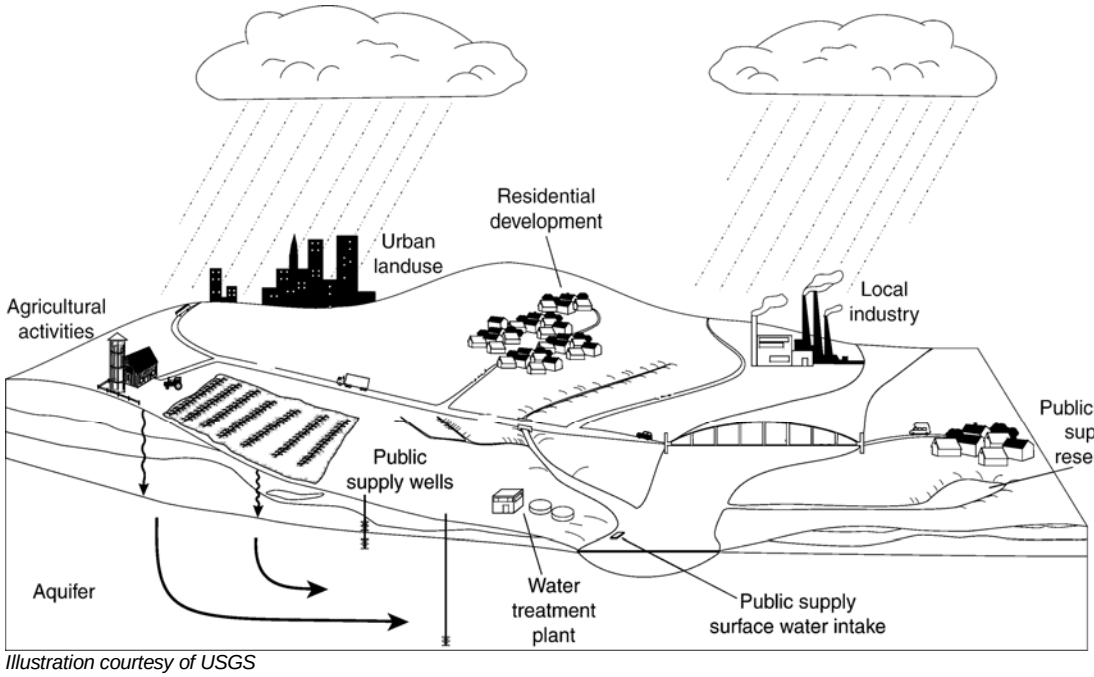

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.08	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	676.96
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.61	% Impervious Surface, 1995	2.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	3.67
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.03
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	18.31	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	23.06	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.61	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	170.01
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	40.3
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Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	40.3
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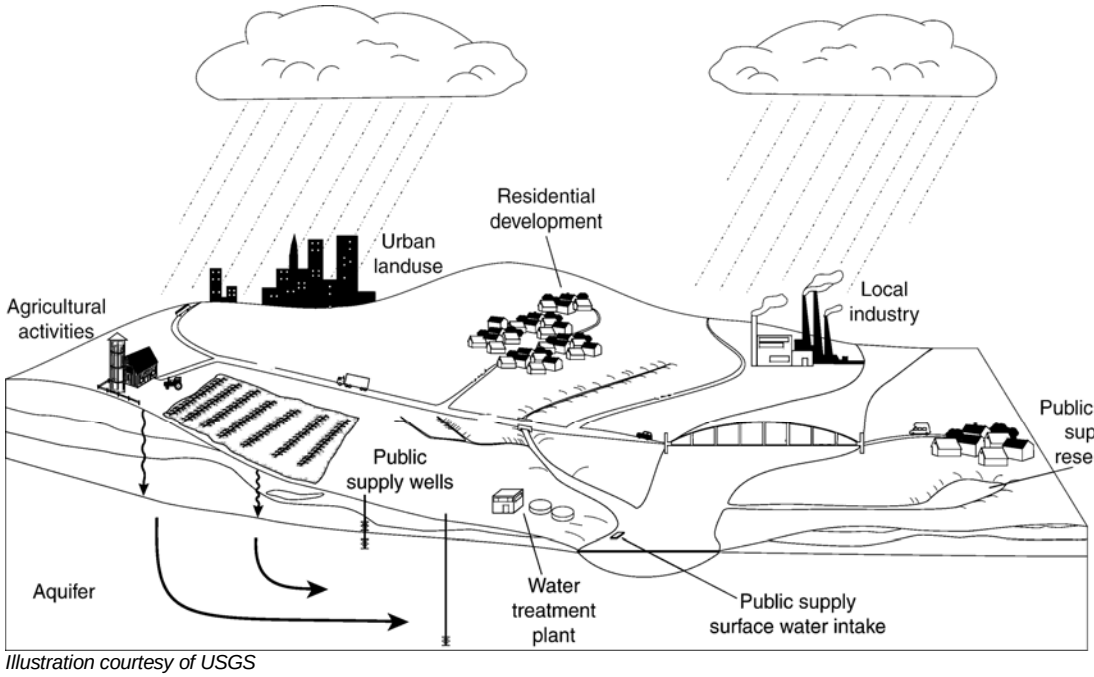

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Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	54.25
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.94	% Impervious Surface, 1995	7.2
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0.1
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	20.43	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	14.28	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.94	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	130.92
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	74.07
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	74
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
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Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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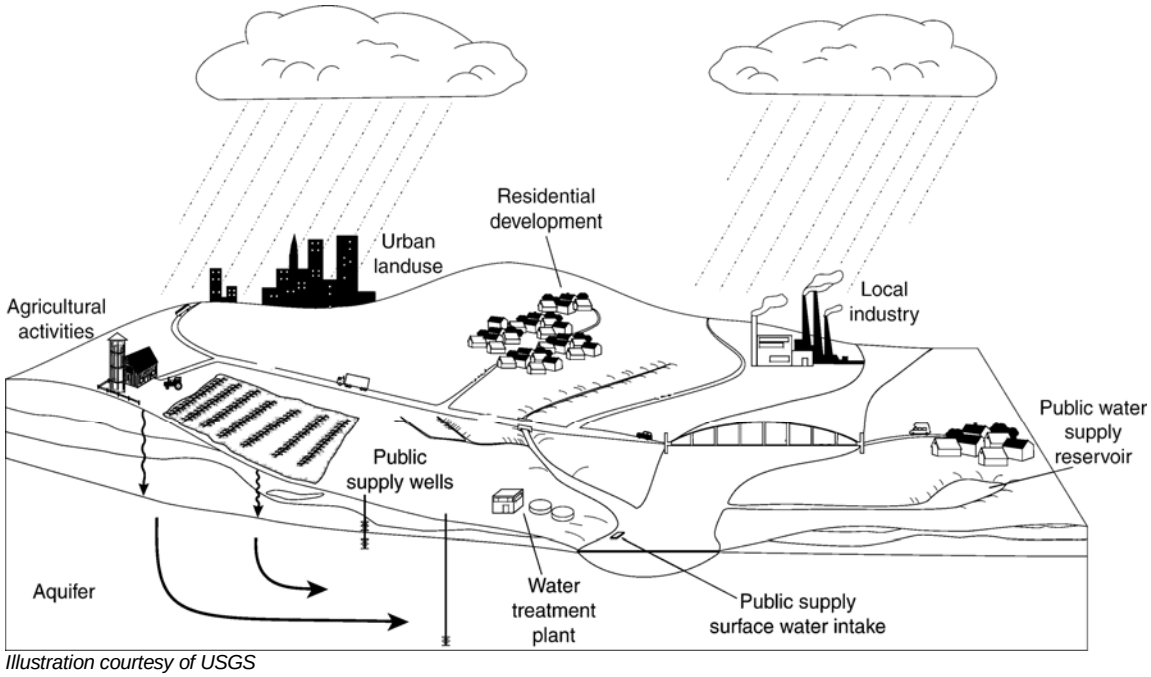

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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
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Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	502.07
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	54.05
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	70.53
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.92	% Impervious Surface, 1995	20.7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	54.75
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.06
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
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Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.78
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Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.92	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	100
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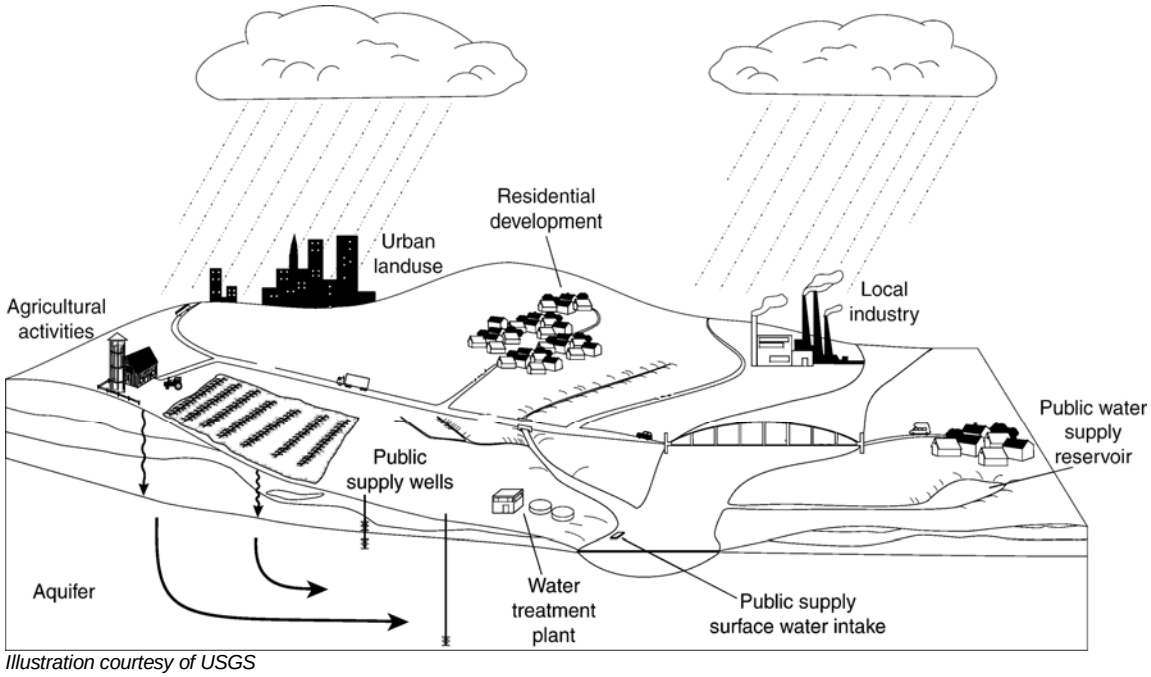

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- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Pennington Happy Time School

Pennington Happy Time School (PWID 1106338) at 70 Hwy 31 South, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 48 people (in 2003). Pennington Happy Time School consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Pennington Happy Time School's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**L**	**L**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

If the variable value is shown as zero, then attributes or land activities are not present in the source water assessment area. If a value is not shown, this represents either unavailable data, or in the case of "Distance to" variables land activities of that type are not present in the source water assessment area.

This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

For more information please refer to the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County, available on the Source Water Assessment Program website. You may also contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550.

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	46.05
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	21.92
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	5.42
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	21.92
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	5.42
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	1	% Impervious Surface, 1995	11.5
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	14.11
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.01
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	24.6
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	24.6
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	260	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.71	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.93	% Urban Land Use, 1970	47.85
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	180.36
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	438.9
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	25.1
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	260	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	25.1
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.93	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	52.15
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.71	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	260		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Medallion Care Center

1106339

Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP’s water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

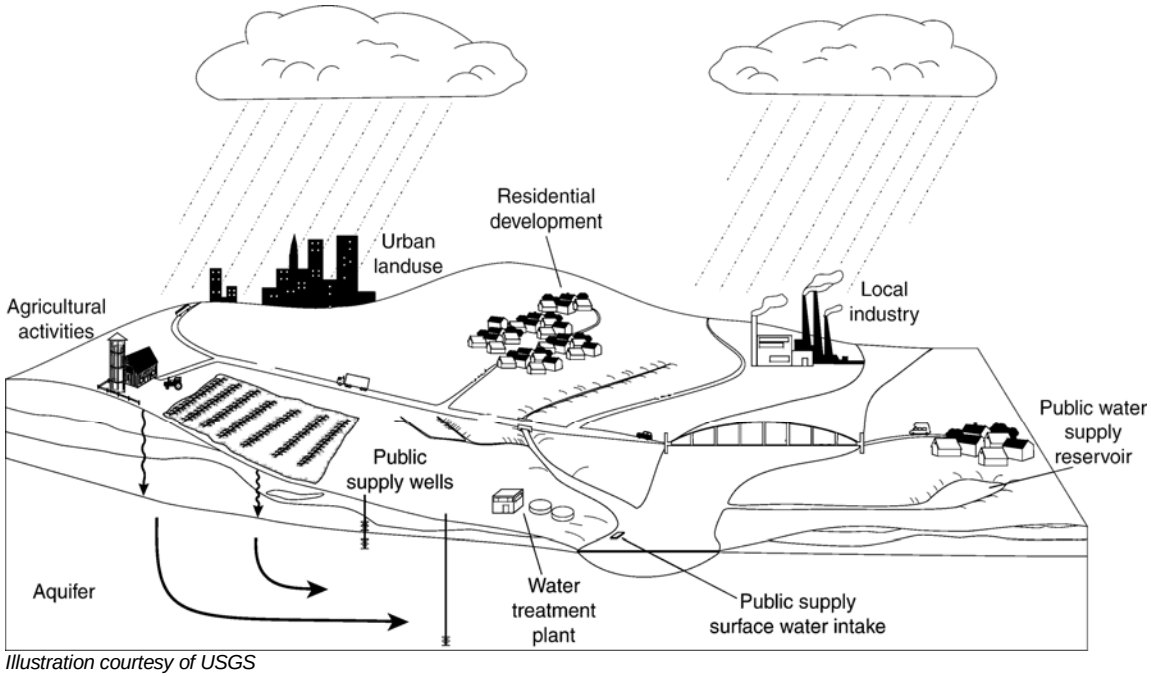
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

Here are some actions that municipal and county officials/local and county planners can take and you can help encourage and support.

- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Medallion Care Center

Medallion Care Center (PWID 1106339) at Route 31, Hopewell, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 75 people (in 2003). Medallion Care Center consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Medallion Care Center's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**L**	**L**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	59.7
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	59.7
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.67	% Impervious Surface, 1995	13
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	39.1
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	350	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	22.34	% Barren Land Use, 1995	9.8
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.83	% Urban Land Use, 1970	32.23
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.67	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	98.3
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	350	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	98.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.83	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	67.77
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	22.34	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	350		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.67	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Hopewell Valley Industrial Park

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Source Water Assessment Report

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The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

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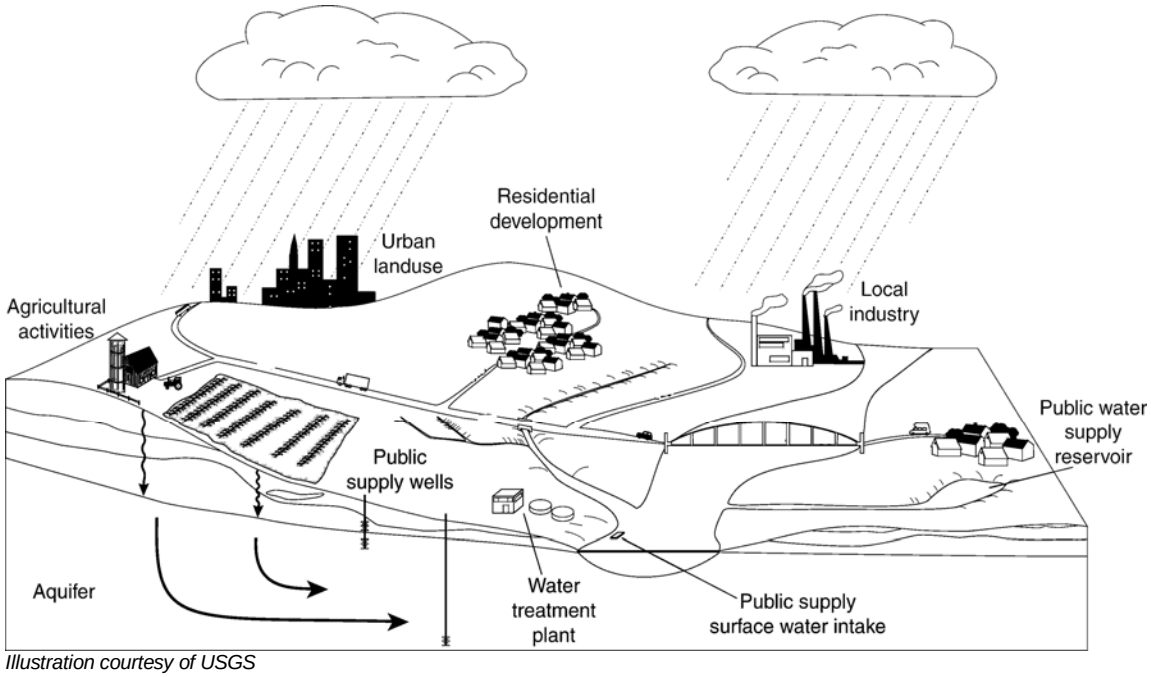

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Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
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Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	15.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	38.14
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	164.93
Depth to Top of Open Interval	103	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.51	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.75	% Urban Land Use, 1970	6.6
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	554.08
		Length of railroads	1834.75
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
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Hopewell Valley Industrial Park - #2

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Source Water Assessment Report

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DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
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- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

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The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

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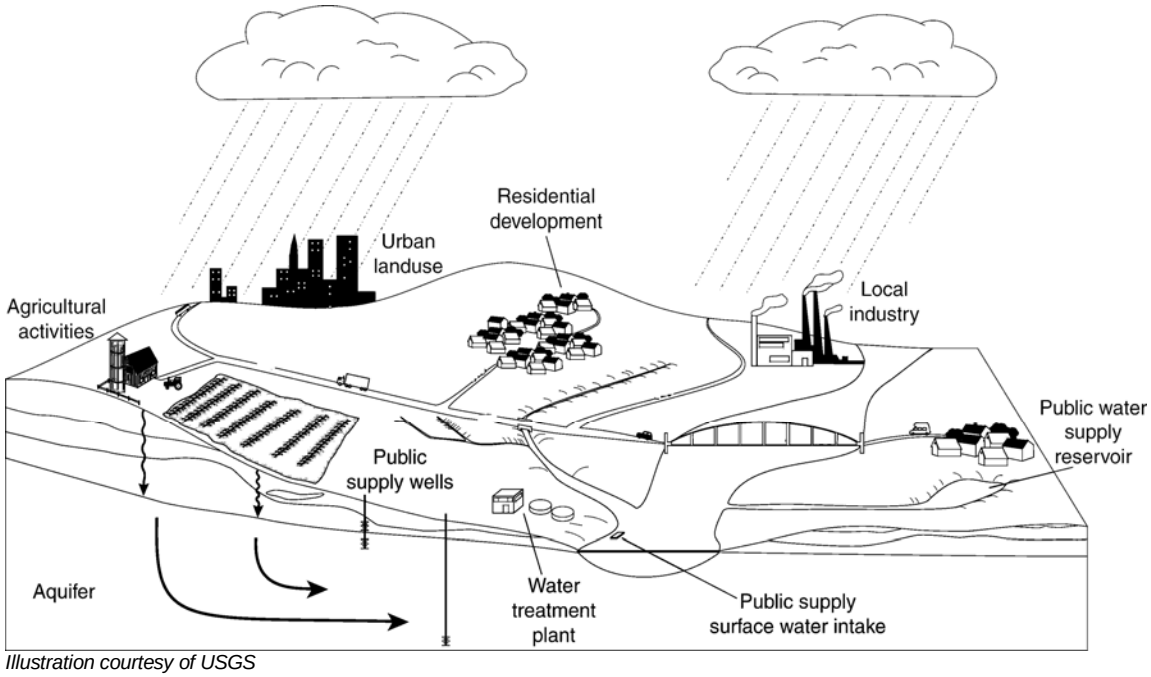

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Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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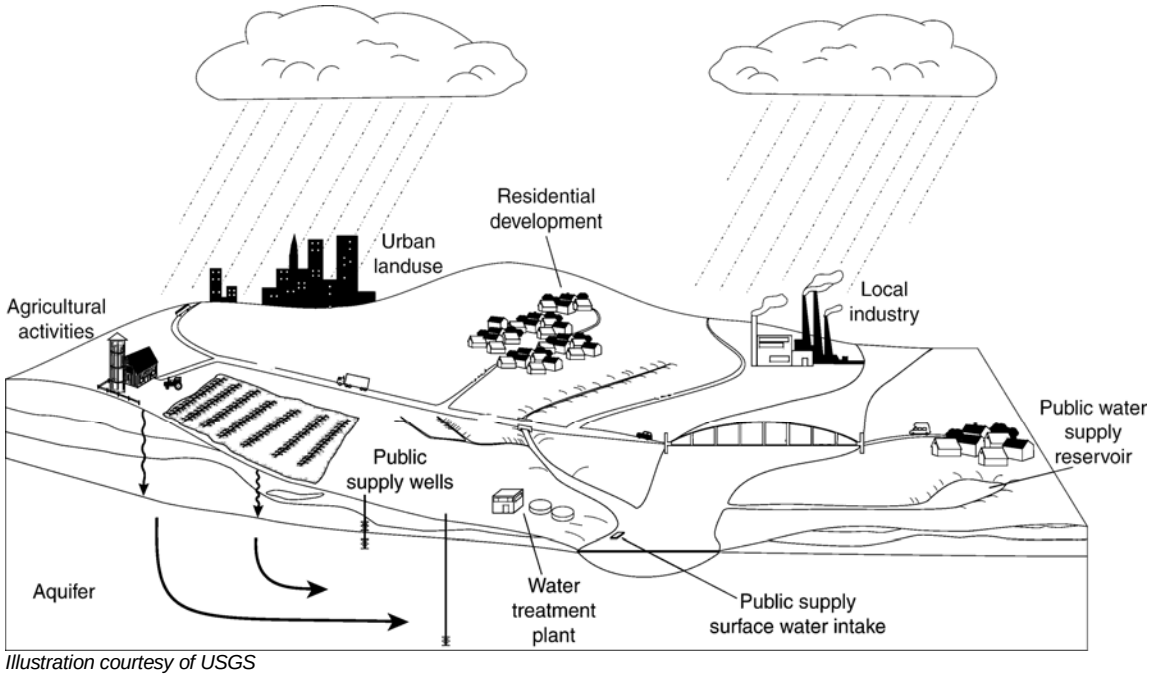

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Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	464.18
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	74.1
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	37.09
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	34.07
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	34.07
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.83	% Impervious Surface, 1995	8.9
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	11.57
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	464.18
Depth to Top of Open Interval	125	Population Density, Tier 1	228.46
% Soil Clay	23.13	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.2	% Urban Land Use, 1970	22.08
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.83	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	286.03
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	213.86
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	78.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	464.18
Conceptual Depth of Well	125	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	78.7
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.13	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	25.62
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	412.34
Depth to Top of Open Interval	125		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.83	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

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- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

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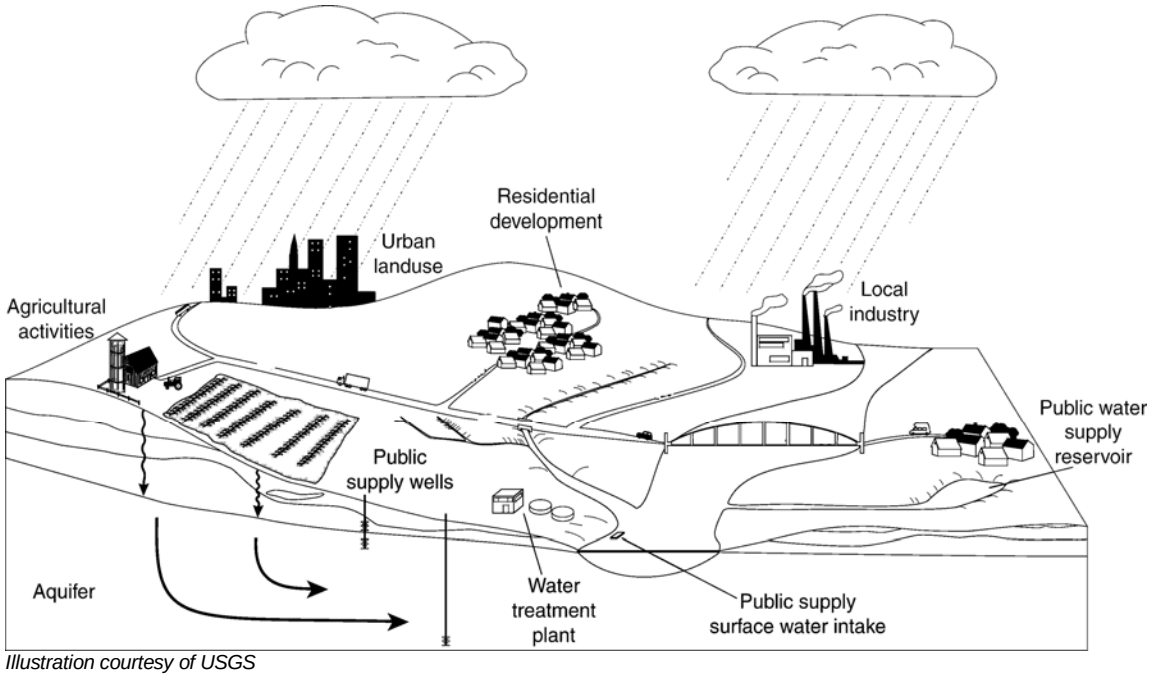

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Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	37.2
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	33.67
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	37.2
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	33.67
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	491.93
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	8.7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	10.7
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	491.93
Depth to Top of Open Interval	115	Population Density, Tier 1	222.79
% Soil Clay	22.98	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0.1
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.25	% Urban Land Use, 1970	25.07
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	238.69
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	211.27
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	75.92
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	491.93
Conceptual Depth of Well	115	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	76
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.25	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	74.93
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	22.98	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	25.8
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	477.09
Depth to Top of Open Interval	115		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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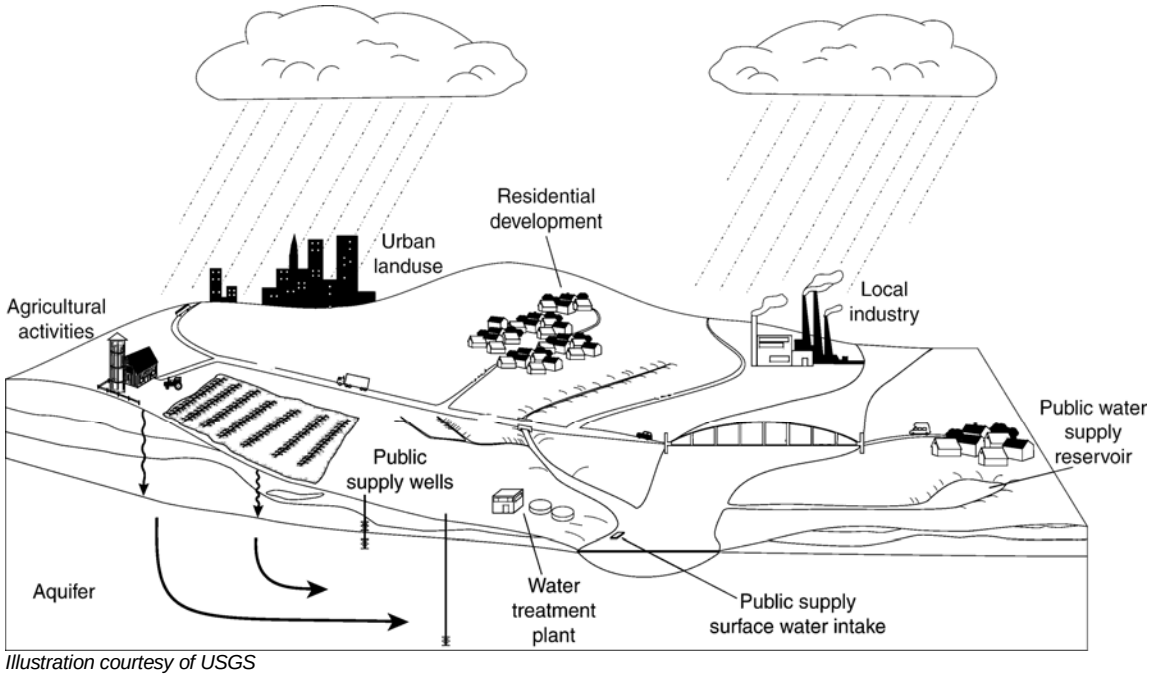
A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Hopewell Valley Medical Center

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Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Hopewell Valley Medical Center's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 2	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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If the variable value is shown as zero, then attributes or land activities are not present in the source water assessment area. If a value is not shown, this represents either unavailable data, or in the case of "Distance to" variables land activities of that type are not present in the source water assessment area.

This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 2 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	55.18
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	32.2
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	66.7
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.98	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6.3
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		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.01
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	55.18
Depth to Top of Open Interval	370	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.13	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.96	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.98	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	490.96
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	56.8
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	55.18
Conceptual Depth of Well	370	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	100
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Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	370		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.98	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
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Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.17	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	120.18
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Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
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Depth to Top of Open Interval	200	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	19.96	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.72	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.95	Distance to STP	
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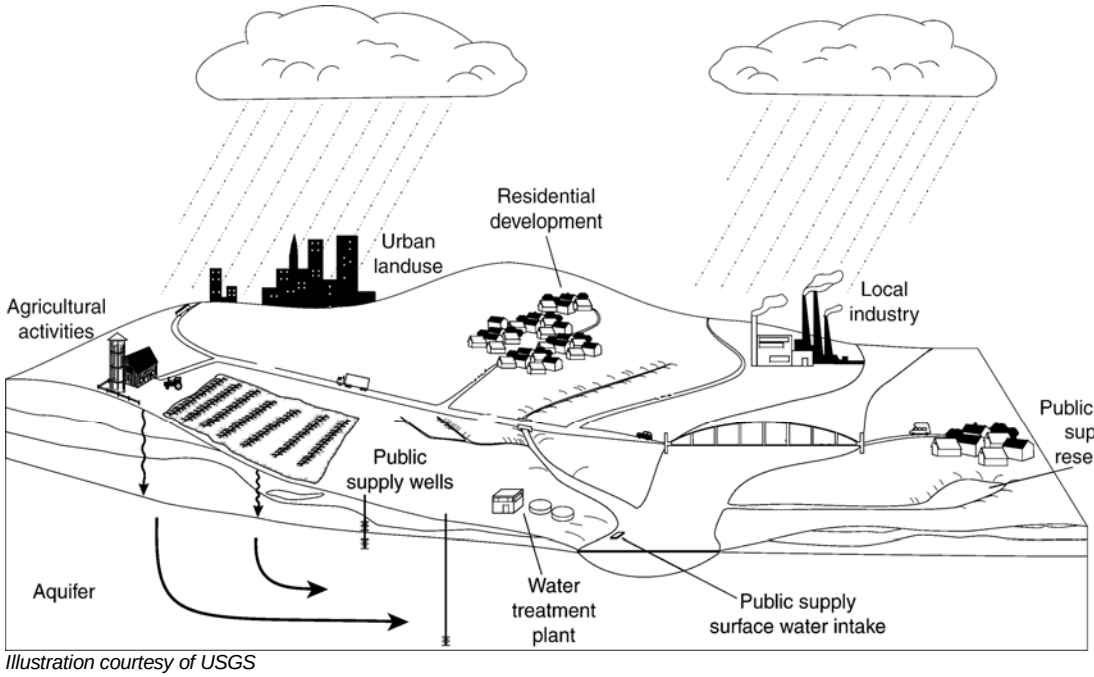

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Pennington Partnership - Newton GS

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Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Pennington Partnership - Newton GS's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	673.54
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	49.99
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	51.6
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	6.05
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.71	% Impervious Surface, 1995	9.7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	21.16
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	673.54
Depth to Top of Open Interval	190	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	21.91	% Barren Land Use, 1995	4.39
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.71	% Urban Land Use, 1970	48.7
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.71	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	678
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	166.72
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	72.43
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	673.54
Conceptual Depth of Well	190	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	72.5
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.71	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	51.3
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.91	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	4.89
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	190		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.71	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Pennington Road Partners

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Source Water Assessment Report

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- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

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- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

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- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
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The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP’s water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

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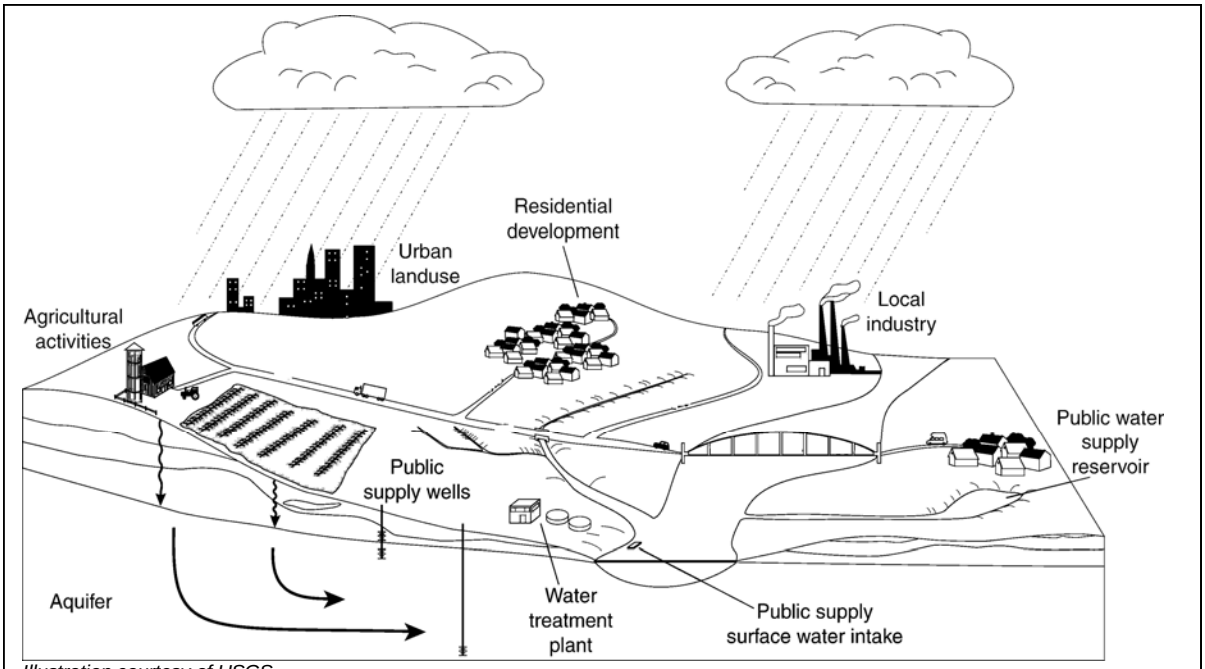

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Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.17	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	401.32
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	56.25
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	58.14
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	10.7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	17.88
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	401.32
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.62	% Barren Land Use, 1995	4
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.83	% Urban Land Use, 1970	58.1
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	356.81
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	178.97
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	86.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	401.32
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	86.7
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.83	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	41.9
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.62	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	16.08
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
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DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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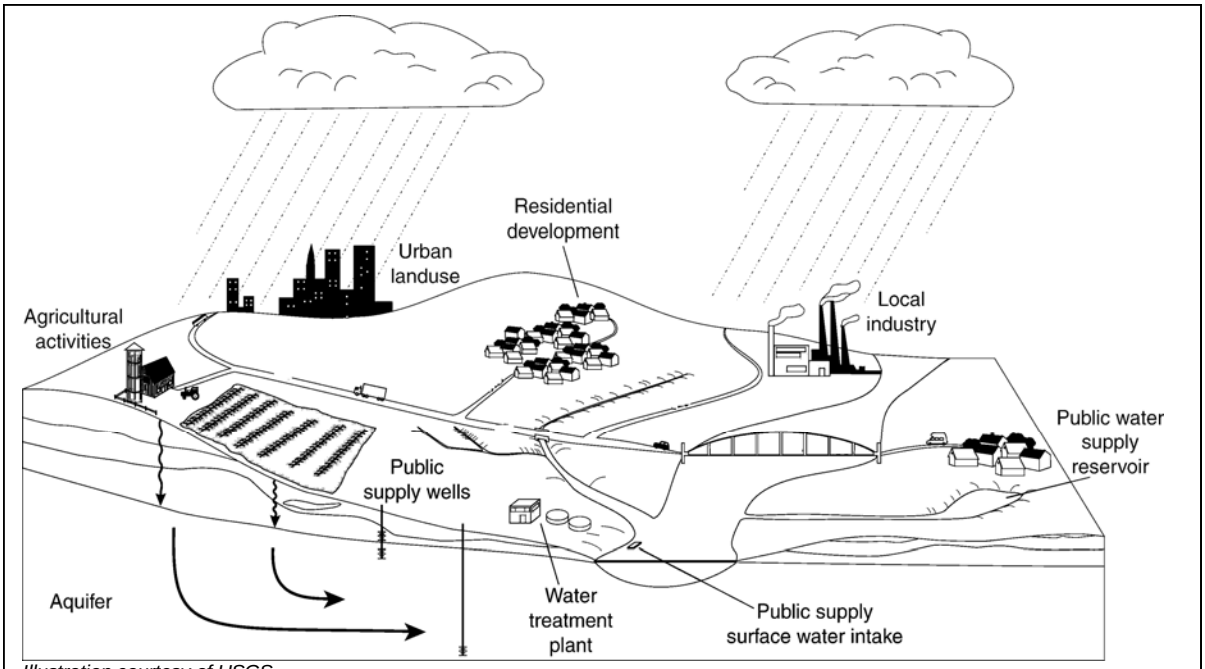

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Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
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Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	503.84
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	1251.28
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.89	% Impervious Surface, 1995	7
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	13.64
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.06
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	11.9
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	11.9
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	503.84
Depth to Top of Open Interval	300	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	20.65	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.73	% Urban Land Use, 1970	13.98
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.89	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	1204.68
		Length of railroads	2459.79
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	4.91
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	503.84
Conceptual Depth of Well	300	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	10.5
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.73	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	86.02
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.65	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	41.93
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	386.23
Depth to Top of Open Interval	300		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.89	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	591.87
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	945.27
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	21.44
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	53.85
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	53.85
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	591.87
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	557.51
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.89	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	11.52
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	4
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	4
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	591.87
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% Soil Clay	20.7	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.68	% Urban Land Use, 1970	15.78
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- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

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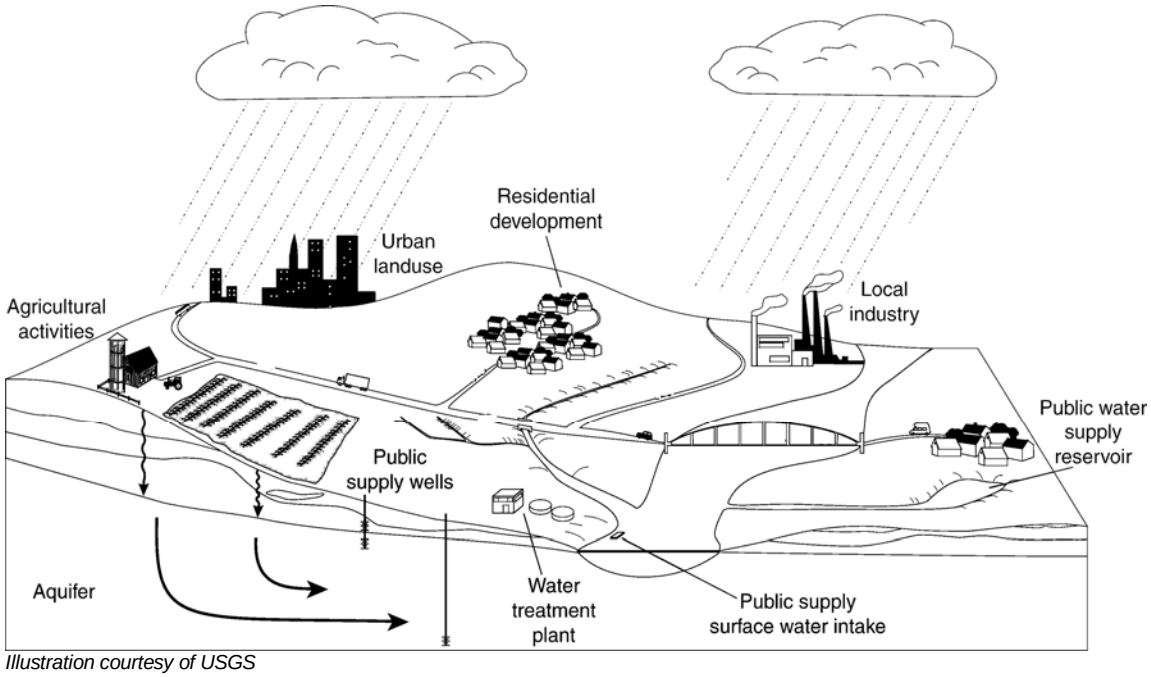

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Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	366.25
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	140.45
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	53.6
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	64.4
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	53.6
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	64.4
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	366.25
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.86	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	29.1
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.06
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	16.5
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	16.5
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	366.25
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.95	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	14.46	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.86	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	293.47
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	84.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	366.25
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	85.8
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	14.46	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	100
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.95	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	37.4
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.86	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	381.96
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	59.18
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	56.19
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	59.18
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	56.19
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	381.96
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.87	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	33.73
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	22.1
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pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	381.96
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.91	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
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Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
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Mercer Mutual Insurance Co.

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Source Water Assessment Report

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- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

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- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

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Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

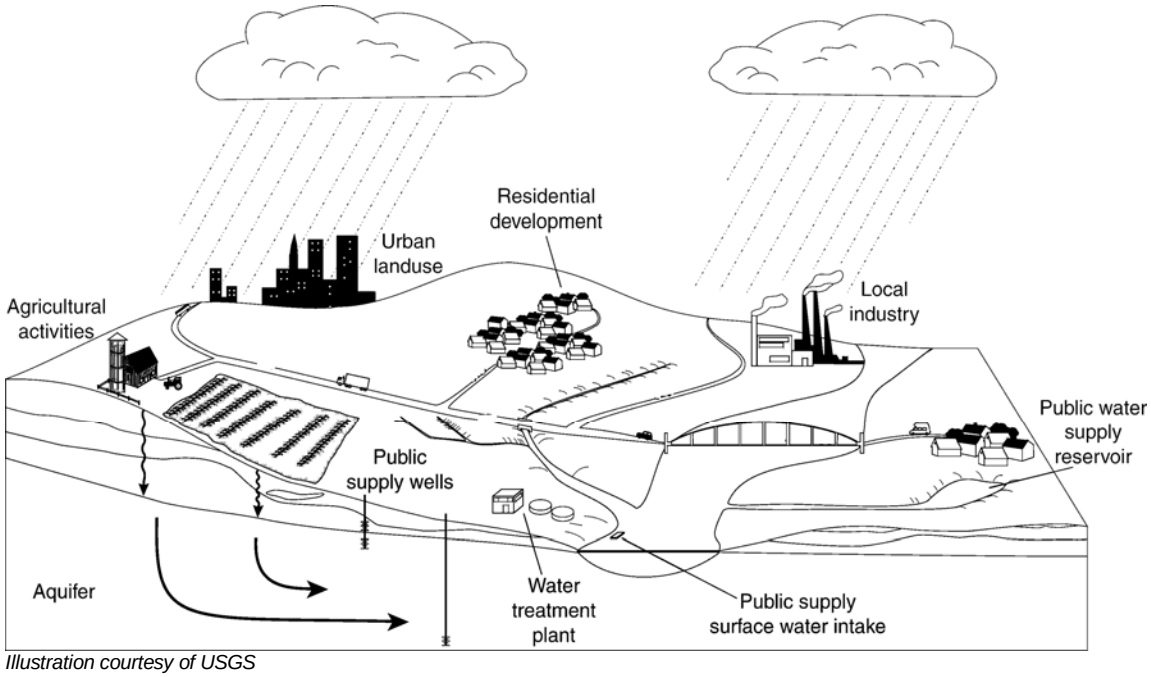
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

Here are some actions that municipal and county officials/local and county planners can take and you can help encourage and support.

- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Mercer Mutual Insurance Co.

Mercer Mutual Insurance Co. (PWID 1106361) at 10 Route 31 South, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 50 people (in 2003). Mercer Mutual Insurance Co. consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Mercer Mutual Insurance Co.'s Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**L**	**L**	**L**	**H**	**H**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

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Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	106.32
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
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Depth to Top of Open Interval	200	Population Density, Tier 1	866.2
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Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.95	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	111.99
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	804.71
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	60.9
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
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Camelot Nursery School

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There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

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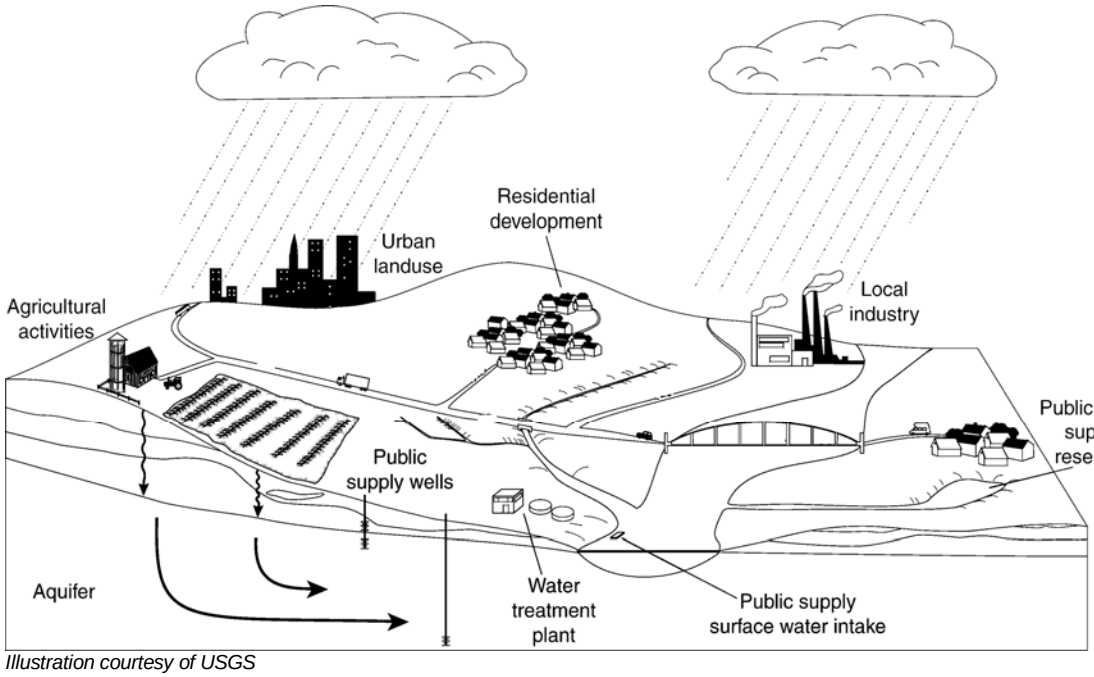
A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Camelot Nursery School

Camelot Nursery School (PWID 1106362) at 31 Flower Hill Dr, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 80 people (in 2003). Camelot Nursery School consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Camelot Nursery School's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	114.36
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	77.18
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	42.46
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	20.42
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	42.46
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	20.42
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	114.36
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.01	% Impervious Surface, 1995	12.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	19.08
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.1
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	8.4
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	8.4
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	114.36
Depth to Top of Open Interval	95	Population Density, Tier 1	241.65
% Soil Clay	21.15	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.14	% Urban Land Use, 1970	63.7
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.01	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	89.34
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	496.58
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	44.56
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	114.36
Conceptual Depth of Well	95	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	63
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	8.14	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	36.3
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.15	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	15.38
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	1080.68
Depth to Top of Open Interval	95		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.01	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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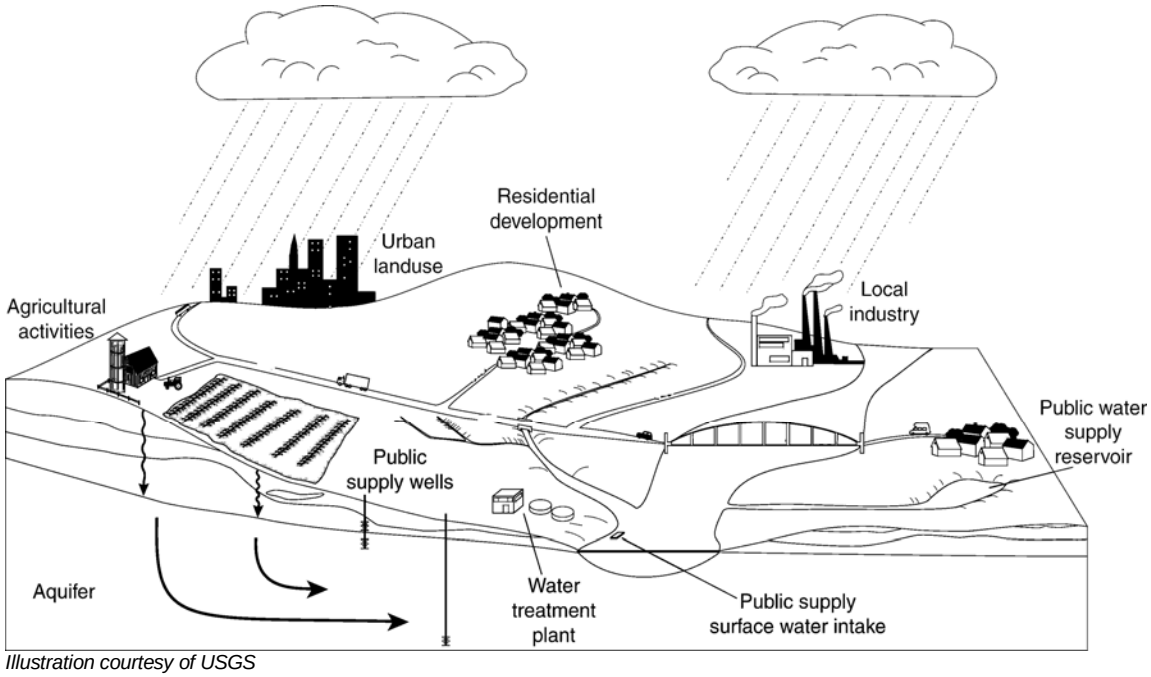

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Mercer Professional Center @ Penn

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	233.32
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	82.28
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	65.13
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	57.14
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	65.13
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	57.14
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	233.32
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.65	% Impervious Surface, 1995	21.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	46.35
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	233.32
Depth to Top of Open Interval	350	Population Density, Tier 1	241.65
% Soil Clay	22.08	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.5	% Urban Land Use, 1970	34.77
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.65	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	360.66
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	229.86
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	100
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	233.32
Conceptual Depth of Well	350	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	100
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.5	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	65.23
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	22.08	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	22.68
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	350		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.65	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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Source Water Assessment Report

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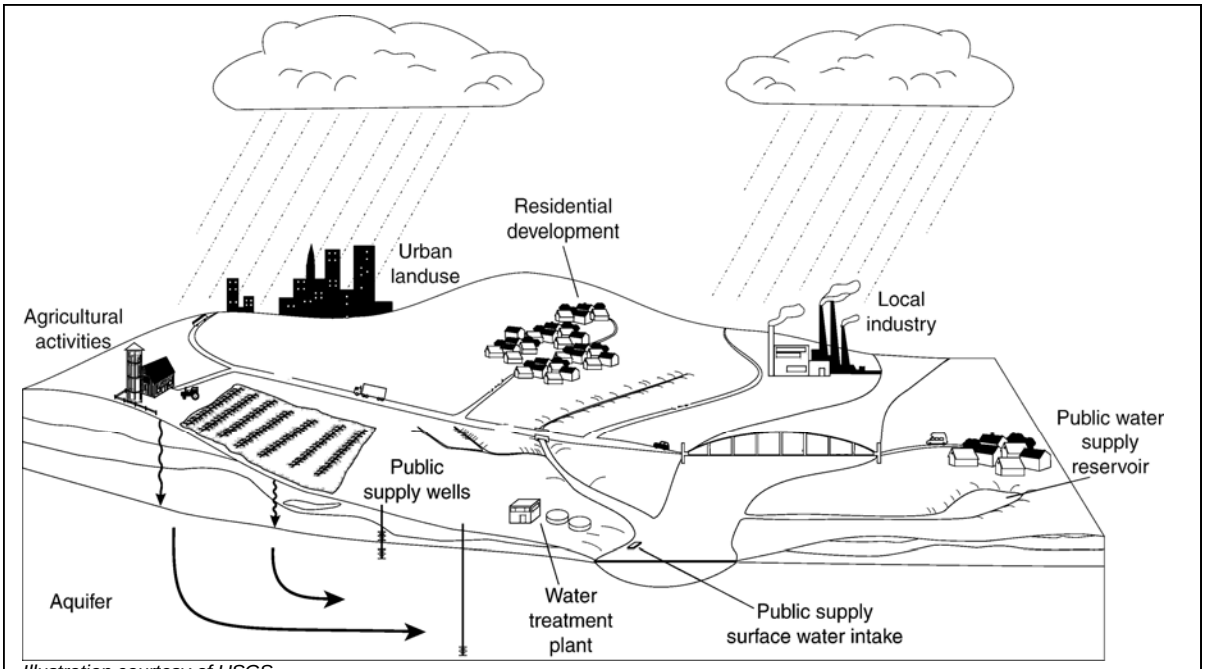

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	415.75
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	452.96
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	44.94
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.87	% Impervious Surface, 1995	4.9
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	20.62
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	415.75
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.07	% Barren Land Use, 1995	4.6
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	17.26	% Urban Land Use, 1970	11.31
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.87	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	155.79
		Length of railroads	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	78.8
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	415.75
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	78.8
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.07	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	11.11
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	739.47
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DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.87	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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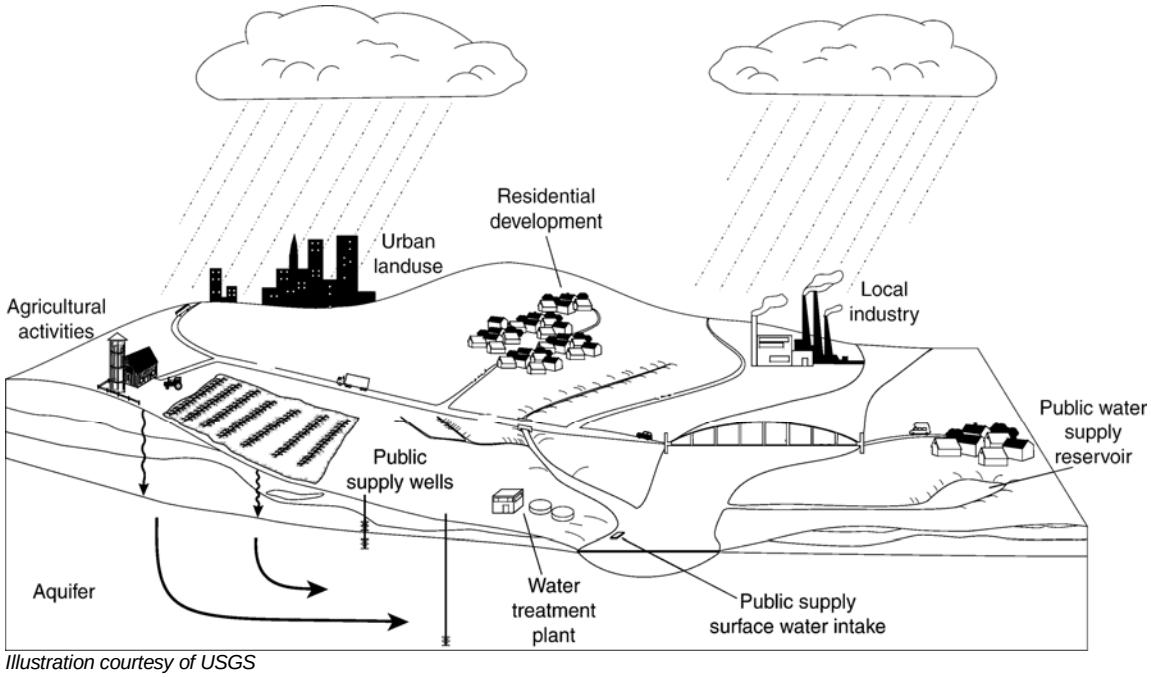

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Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.11	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	169.77
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	39.92
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.78	% Impervious Surface, 1995	12.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	22.75
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	310	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	20.11	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	26.68	% Urban Land Use, 1970	1
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.78	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	167.22
		Length of railroads	1090.2
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	80.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	310	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	80.6
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	26.68	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0
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Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.11	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	564.52
Depth to Top of Open Interval	310		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.78	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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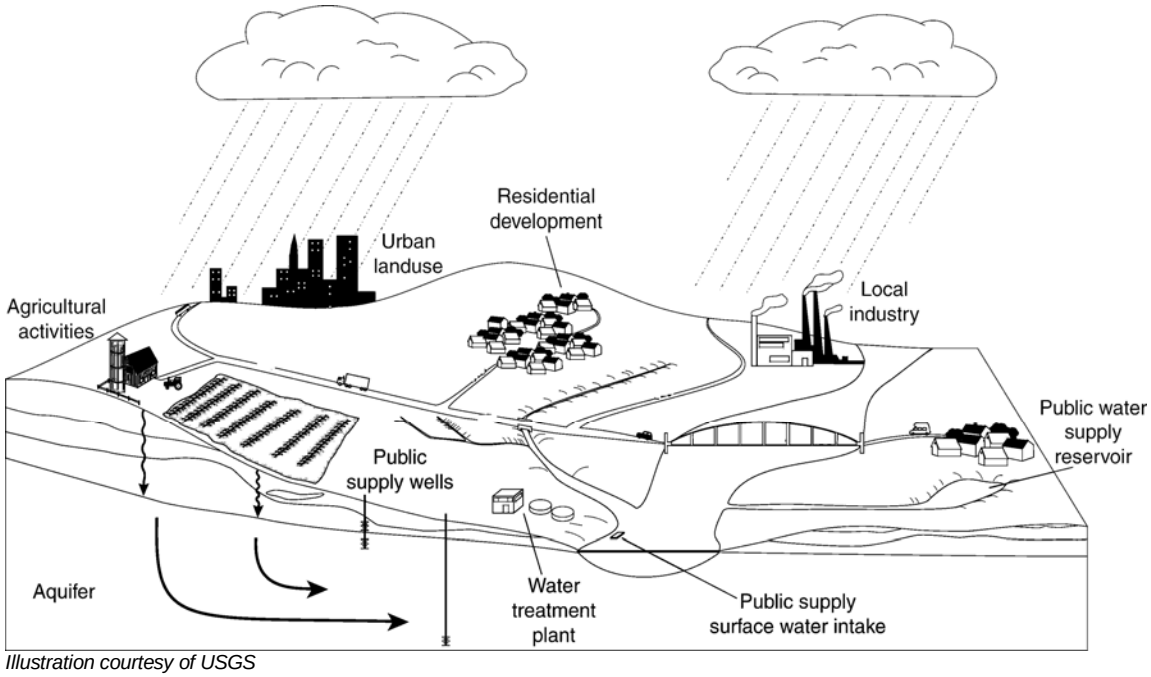

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Stage II Motel & Professional Building

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Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 1	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	362.63
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	54.86
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
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Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.96
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Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.13	Distance to STP	
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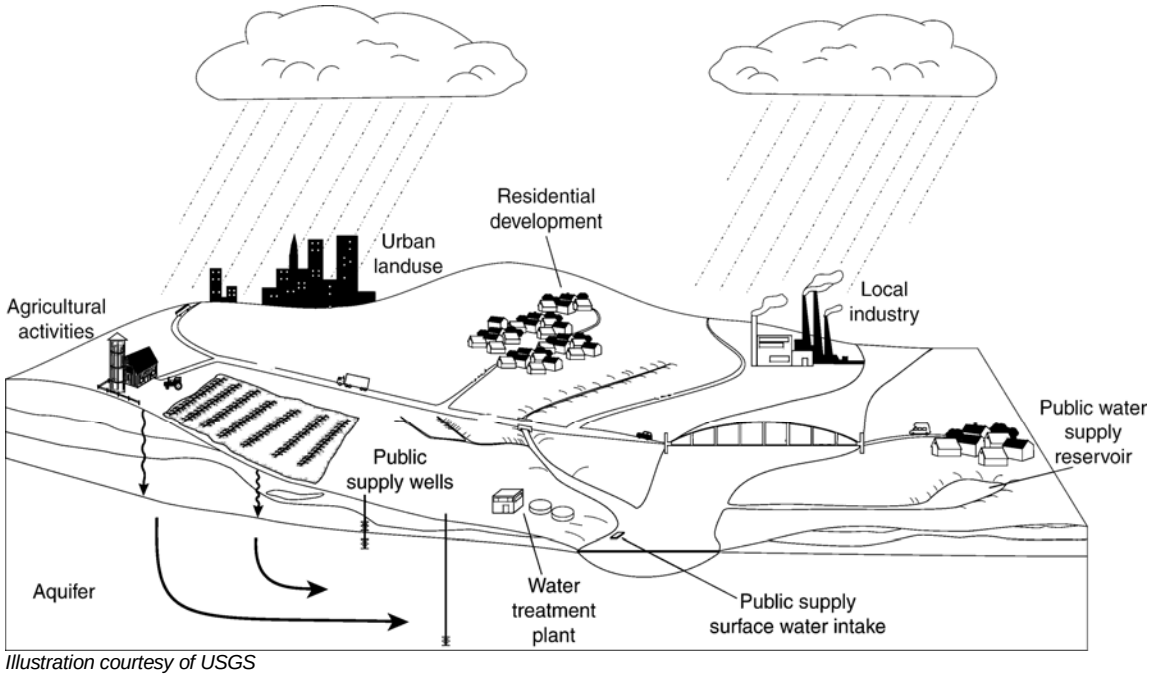

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- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Hillbilly Hall Inc.

Hillbilly Hall Inc. (PWID 1106369) at 203 Hopewell Wertsville Road, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 100 people (in 2003). Hillbilly Hall Inc. consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Hillbilly Hall Inc.'s Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**L**	**L**	**L**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.17	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	26.05
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	26.05
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.8	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6.5
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	2.4
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	300	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	25.02	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.64	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.8	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	55.86
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	63.74
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	300	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	63.8
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.64	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	0
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	25.02	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0.2
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	71.08
Depth to Top of Open Interval	300		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.8	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.04
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Golden Nugget Antique Flea Market

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

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- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP’s water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

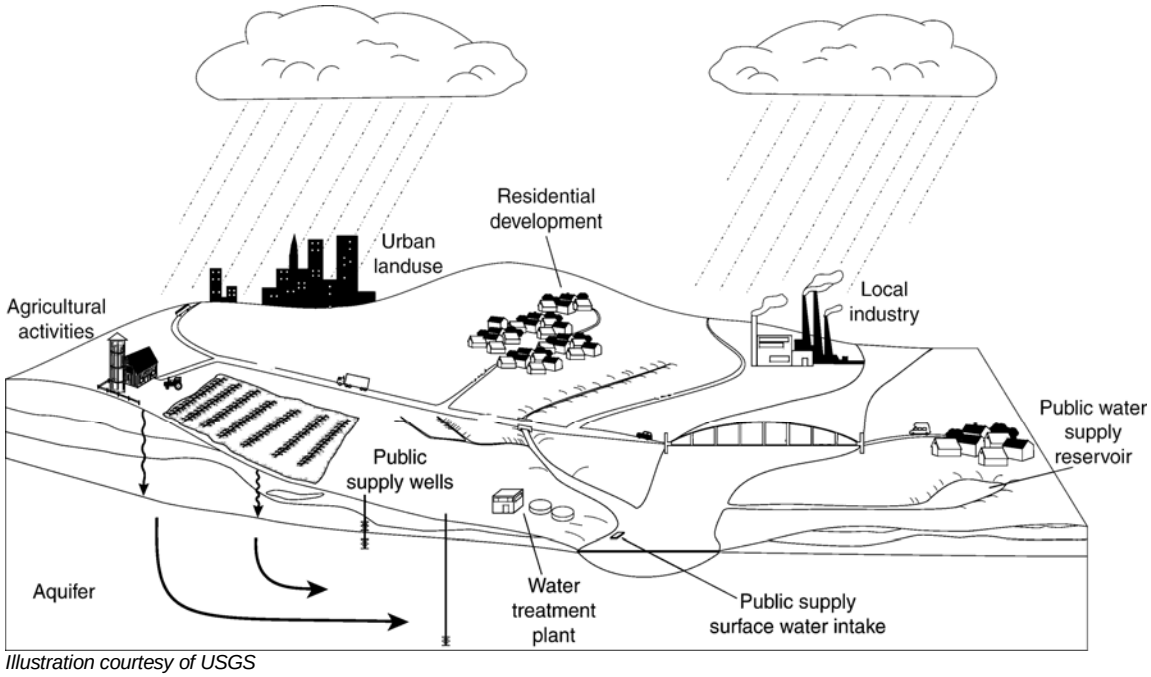
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Golden Nugget Antique Flea Market

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Golden Nugget Antique Flea Market's Sources

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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**M**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.11	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	322.29
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	41.6
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	654.18
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	29.2
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	27.26
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.41	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6.1
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	20.5
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.03
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	322.29
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	138.75
% Soil Clay	14.31	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	30.57	% Urban Land Use, 1970	28.36
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.41	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	165.63
		Length of railroads	1732.32
		Population Density	130.85
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	67.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	322.29
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	70
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	30.57	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	34.07
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	14.31	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	26.8
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.41	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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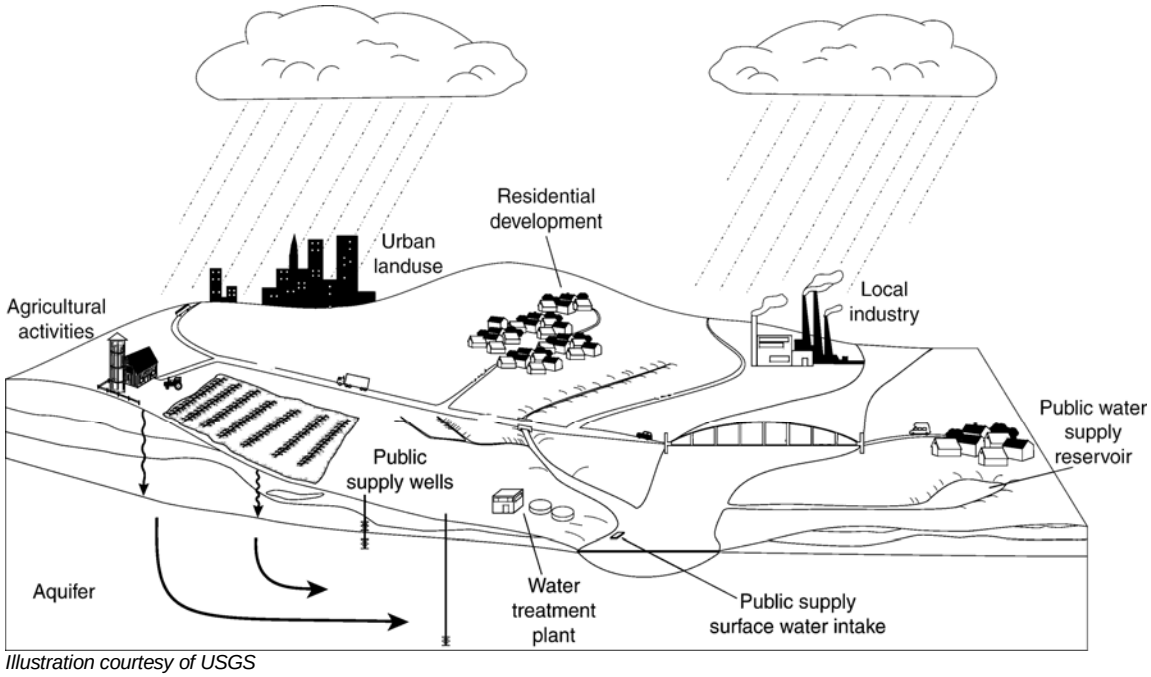
A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for WAWA #906

WAWA #906 (PWID 1106371) at 280 Rt 31 South, Hopewell Township, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 1500 people (in 2003). WAWA #906 consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for WAWA #906's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

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This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

For more information please refer to the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County, available on the Source Water Assessment Program website. You may also contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550.

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.18	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	178.13
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	49.05
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	40.28
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	38.46
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	40.28
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	38.46
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	178.13
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.82	% Impervious Surface, 1995	20.9
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	38.19
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.01
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	178.13
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500	Population Density, Tier 1	163.92
% Soil Clay	21.61	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.13	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	125.03
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	155.19
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	76.3
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	178.13
Conceptual Depth of Well	500	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	76.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.13	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	98.6
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.61	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	18.74
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	64.71
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.82	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Hopewell Township Municipal Garage

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

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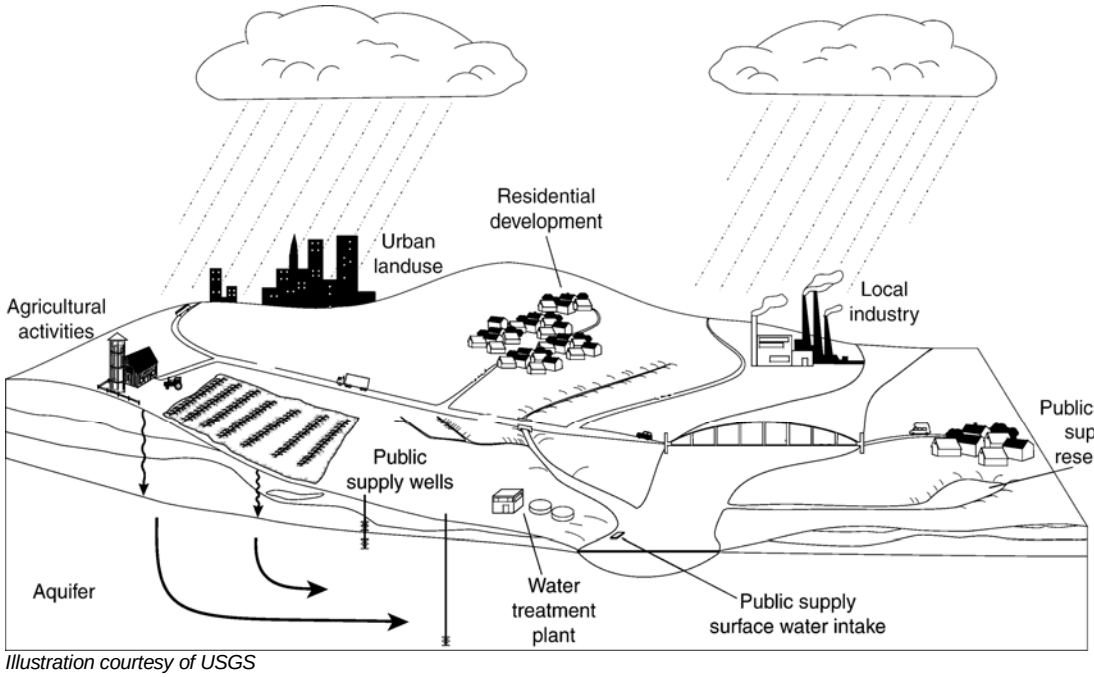

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Hopewell Township Municipal Garage

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	112.28
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	45.85
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	63.9
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	45.85
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	63.9
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	112.28
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.93	% Impervious Surface, 1995	6.9
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	24.48
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	22.1
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	22.1
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	112.28
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.48	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	13.88	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.93	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	118.98
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	74.67
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	112.28
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	99.9
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	13.88	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	100
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.48	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	46.05
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.93	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Little League of Hopewell Township

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

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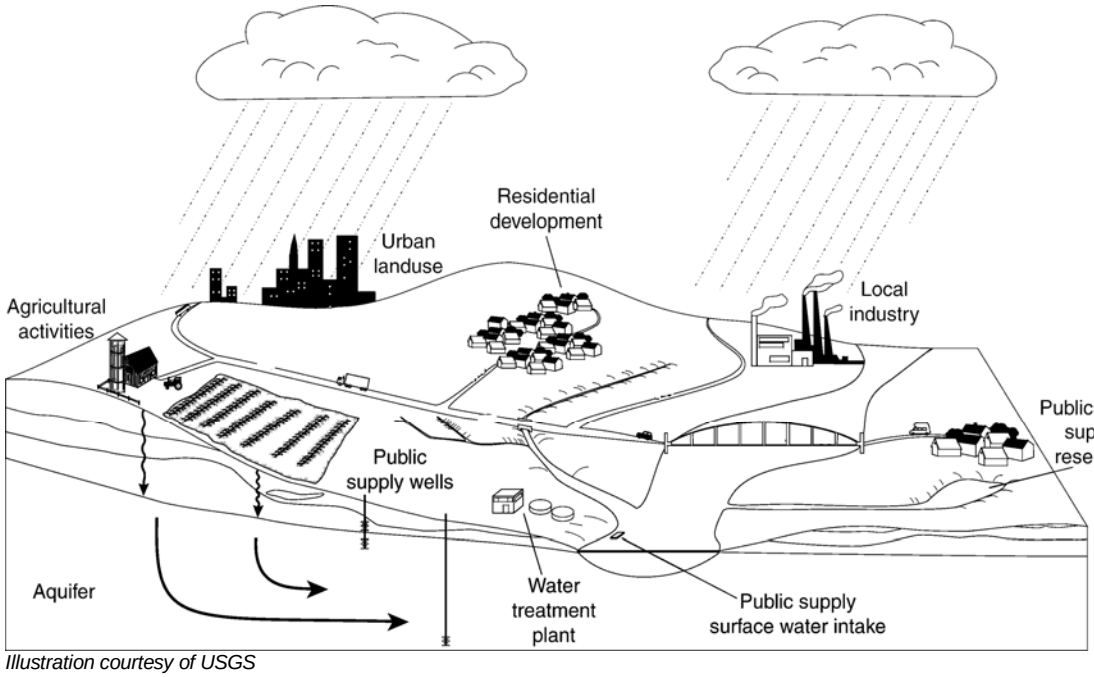
A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	698.43
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	84.78
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VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.83	% Impervious Surface, 1995	7.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	42.54
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.06
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	14.2
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	14.2
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	698.43
Depth to Top of Open Interval	150	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.96	% Barren Land Use, 1995	2.9
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	15.14	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.83	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	715.51
		Length of railroads	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	85.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	698.43
Conceptual Depth of Well	150	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	85.6
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DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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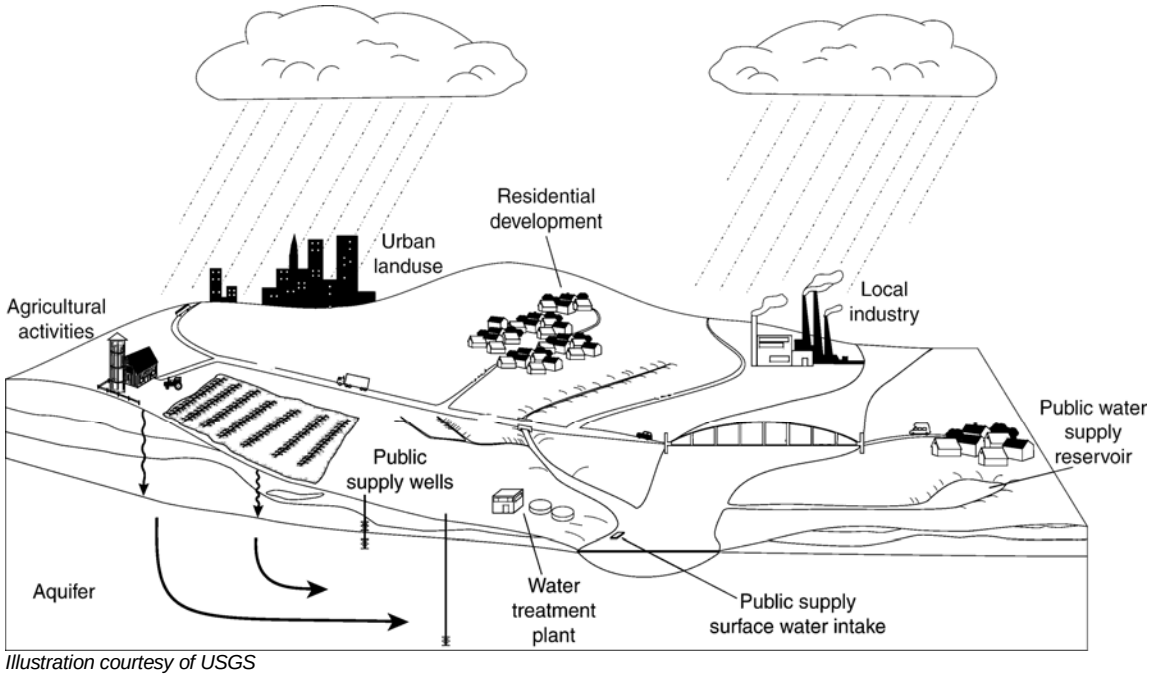

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Source: Well 1 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.45
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	58.84
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	6.3
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	32.61
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	32.61
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.45
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.96	% Impervious Surface, 1995	1.6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.45
Depth to Top of Open Interval	325	Population Density, Tier 1	165.63
% Soil Clay	20.47	% Barren Land Use, 1995	33.9
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	10.58	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.96	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	139.54
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	274.51
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	181.45
Conceptual Depth of Well	325	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	1.2
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	10.58	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	100
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.47	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	11.5
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	199.94
Depth to Top of Open Interval	325		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.96	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Pennington Office Park A

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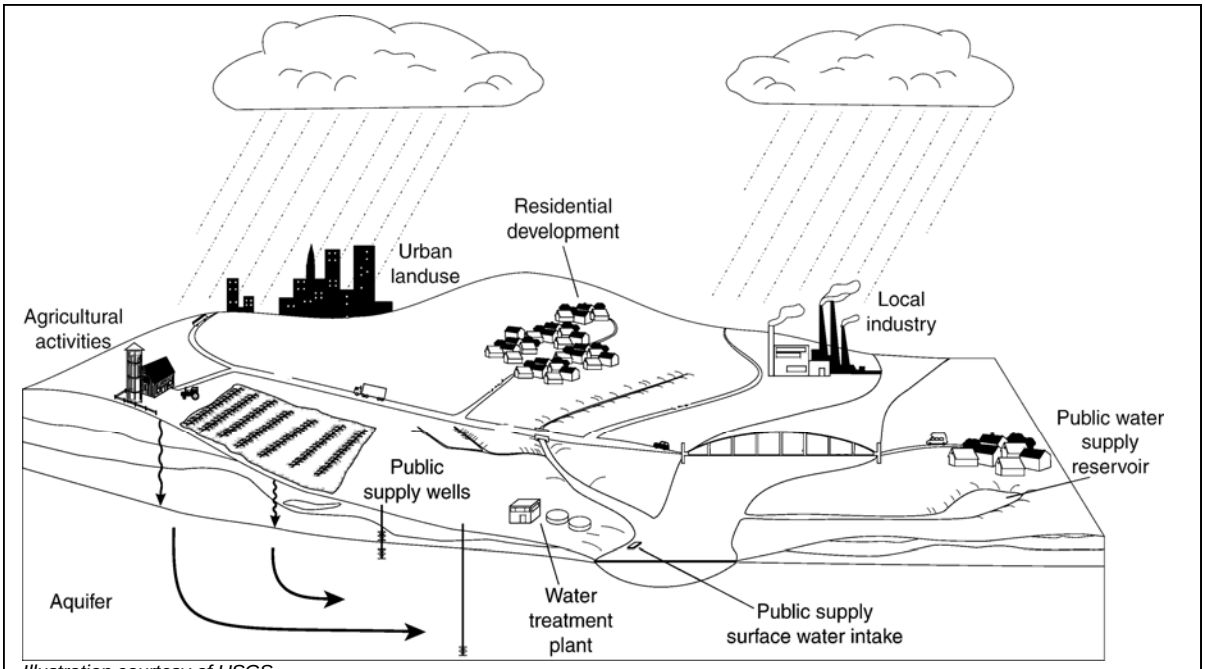

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Pennington Office Park A

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	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Pennington Office Park A's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Building B Well	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

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Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	73.56
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	52.89
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	59.34
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% Soil Organic Matter	0.83	% Impervious Surface, 1995	17.6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	49.45
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	11
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	11
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	73.56
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.28
% Soil Clay	21.07	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.35	% Urban Land Use, 1970	59.4
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.83	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	67.71
		Length of railroads	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	77.9
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Pennington Office Park B

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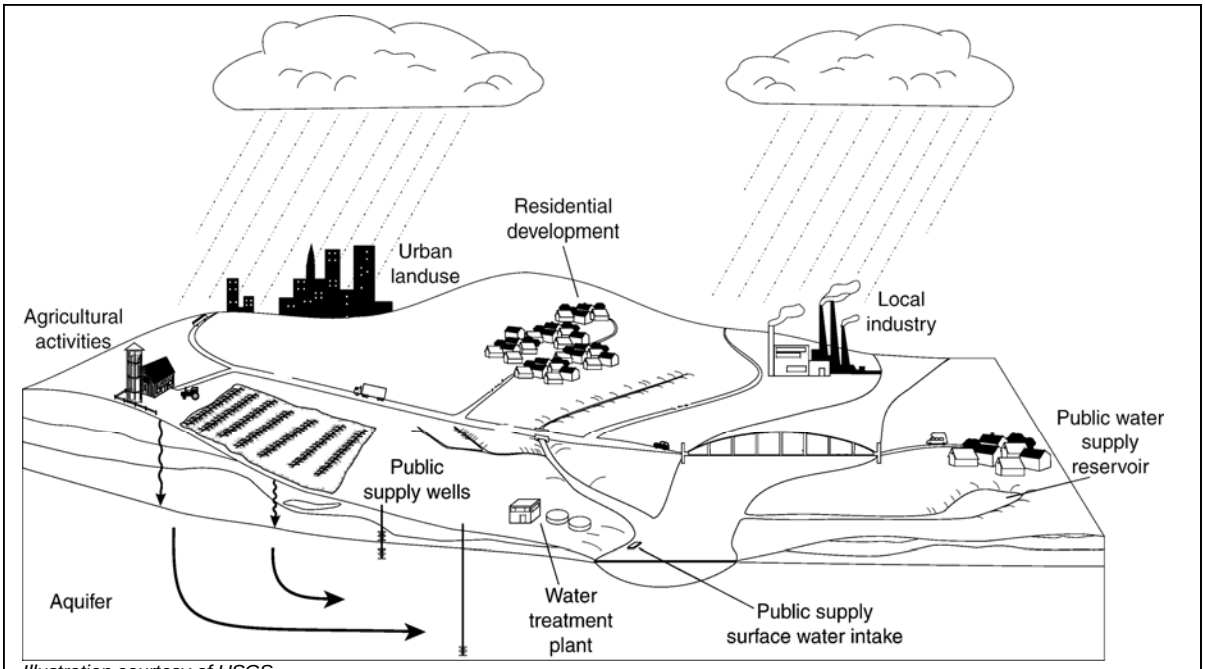

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- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Pennington Office Park B

Pennington Office Park B (PWID 1106377) at 114 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 70 people (in 2003). Pennington Office Park B consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Pennington Office Park B's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Building A Well	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

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This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Building A Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	383.17
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	54.65
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	60.66
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	27.79
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	60.66
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	27.79
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	383.17
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.74	% Impervious Surface, 1995	20.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	57.86
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	11
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	11
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	383.17
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.88
% Soil Clay	21.64	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.54	% Urban Land Use, 1970	38.66
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.74	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	103.92
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.59
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	87
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	383.17
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	87
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.54	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	61.34
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.64	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	24.62
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	479.35
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.74	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Titusville Presbyterian Church

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

The susceptibility ratings of your sources to each of the contaminant categories are provided on page 6 of this report.

Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP’s water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

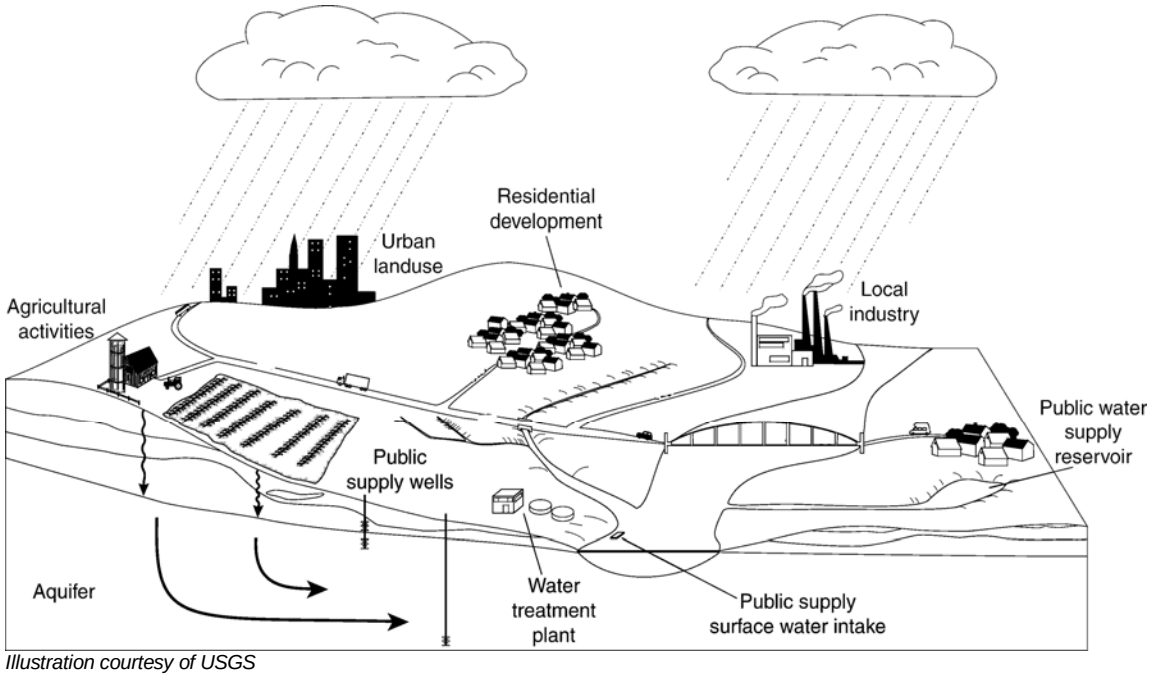
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

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- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Titusville Presbyterian Church

Titusville Presbyterian Church (PWID 1106378) at 48 River Rd, Titusville, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 100 people (in 2003). Titusville Presbyterian Church consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Titusville Presbyterian Church's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well	**M**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.09	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	751.71
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	204.87
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	560.73
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	45.88
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	1.21
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	45.88
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	1.21
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	751.71
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.65	% Impervious Surface, 1995	9.2
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	24.59
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.04
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	751.71
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	523.44
% Soil Clay	16.47	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	24	% Urban Land Use, 1970	45.9
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.65	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	148.48
		Length of railroads	1754.57
		Population Density	523.44
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	60.9
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	751.71
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	60.9
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	24	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	15.55
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
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Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.65	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

All Bright Country Day School

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Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

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There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

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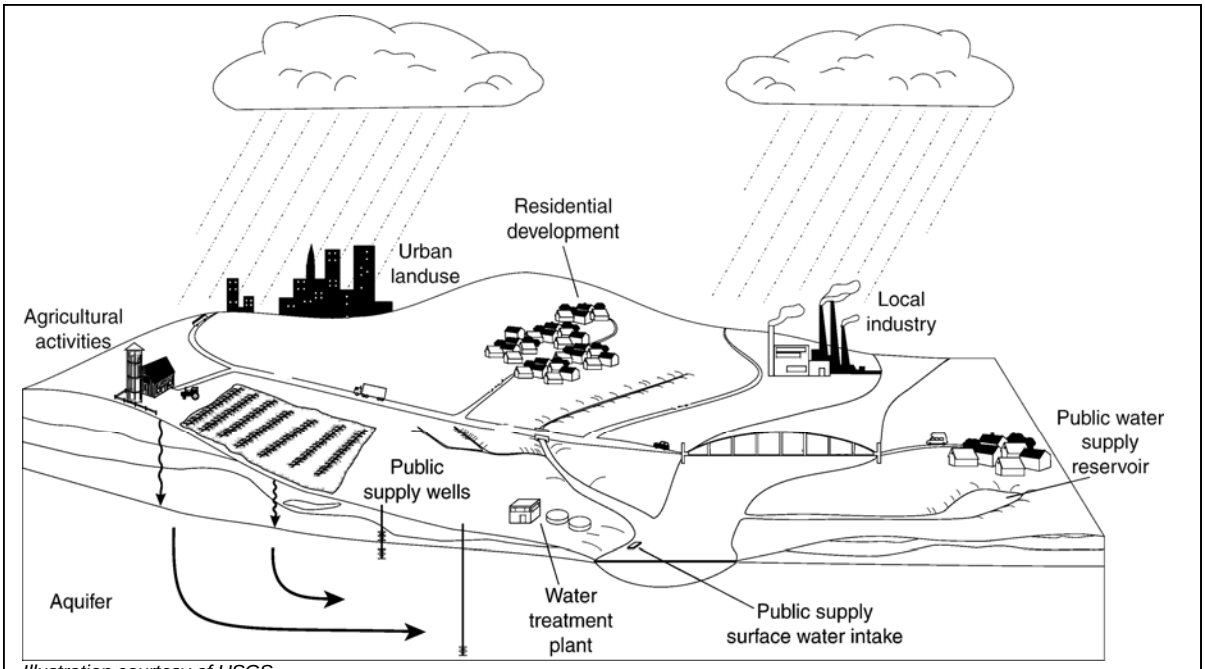
Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

Here are some actions that municipal and county officials/local and county planners can take and you can help encourage and support.

- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for All Bright Country Day School

All Bright Country Day School (PWID 1106379) at 281 Pennington-lawrenceville, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 85 people (in 2003). All Bright Country Day School consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for All Bright Country Day School's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
	M	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	101.73
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	76.61
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	636.2
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.18
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	35.64
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.18
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	35.64
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	101.73
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.15	% Impervious Surface, 1995	9.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	4.49
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.03
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	101.73
Depth to Top of Open Interval	100	Population Density, Tier 1	226
% Soil Clay	23.07	% Barren Land Use, 1995	3.89
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.13	% Urban Land Use, 1970	57.2
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.15	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	161.1
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	212.74
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	42.4
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	101.73
Conceptual Depth of Well	100	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	77.7
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.13	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	42.8
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.07	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	31.41
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	281.95
Depth to Top of Open Interval	100		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.15	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Jeffrey Rodney Dental Office

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

- How “sensitive” the water supply is to contamination. For example, a shallow well or surface water source, like a reservoir, would be more exposed to contamination from the surface or above ground than a confined well.
- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

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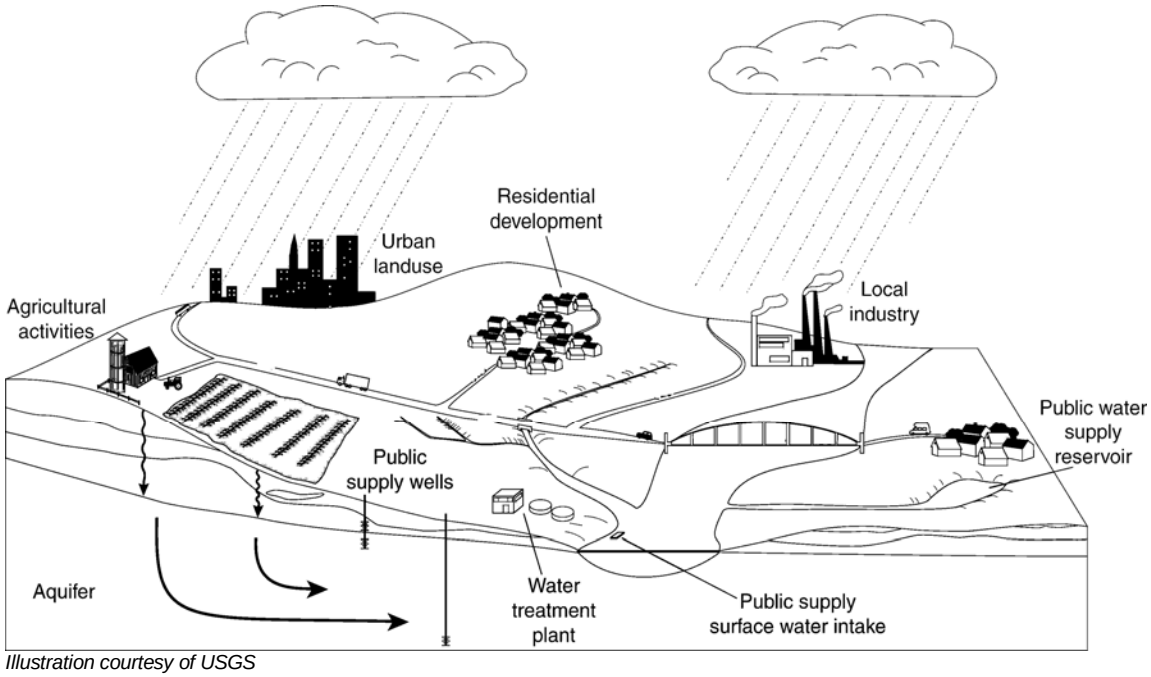

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Jeffrey Rodney Dental Office

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Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Jeffrey Rodney Dental Office's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	199.08
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	46.25
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	54.84
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	46.25
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	54.84
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	199.08
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.12	% Impervious Surface, 1995	4.6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	1.3
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.02
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	199.08
Depth to Top of Open Interval	230	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	23.49	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.01	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.12	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	188.13
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	65.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	199.08
Conceptual Depth of Well	230	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	77.2
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	9.01	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	100
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	23.49	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	28.13
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	104.1
Depth to Top of Open Interval	230		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.12	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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Source Water Assessment Report

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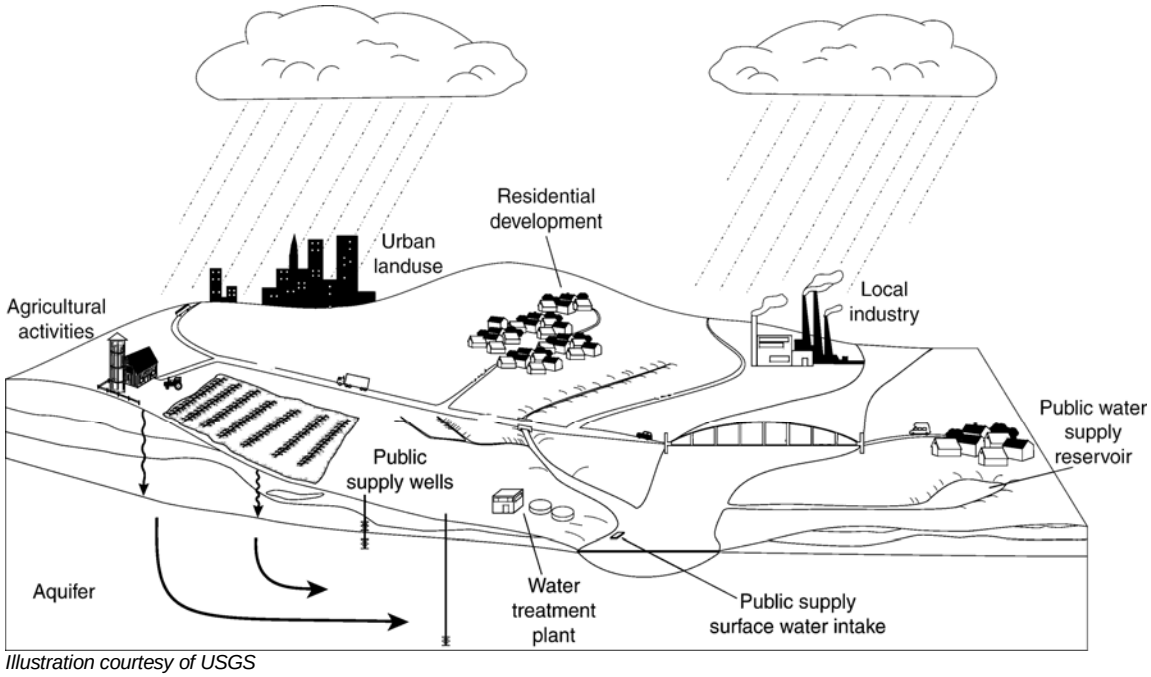
What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Sincak Office Park

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	146.04
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	30.47
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	54.18
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.14	% Impervious Surface, 1995	8.1
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	17.98
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.1
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	146.04
Depth to Top of Open Interval	170	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	21.97	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0.8
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.37	% Urban Land Use, 1970	8.1
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.14	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	505.98
		Length of railroads	3507.83
		Population Density	163.69
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	60
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	146.04
Conceptual Depth of Well	170	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	86.5
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.37	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	91.9
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.97	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	44.76
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	1079.49
Depth to Top of Open Interval	170		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.14	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.06
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

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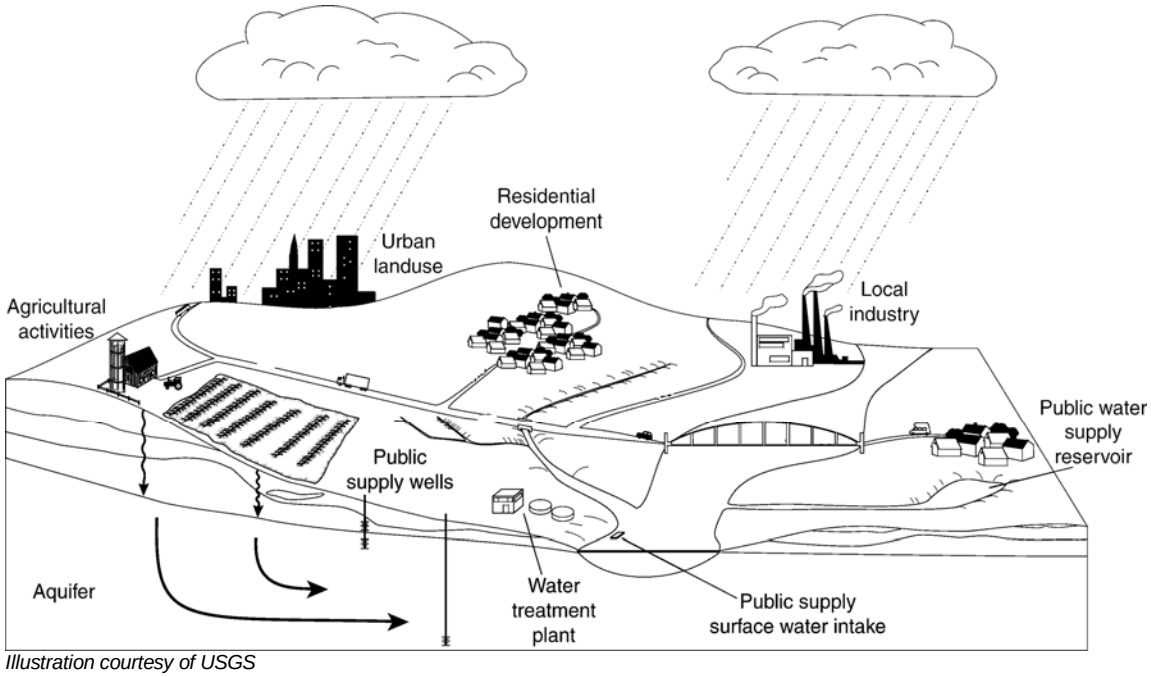

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Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.13	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	462.58
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	69.26
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	225.96
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	49.95
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	5.48
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	49.95
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	5.48
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	462.58
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.19	% Impervious Surface, 1995	21.2
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	49.95
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.03
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	39.7
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	59.5
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	462.58
Depth to Top of Open Interval	210	Population Density, Tier 1	228.54
% Soil Clay	24.7	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.62	% Urban Land Use, 1970	50.55
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.19	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	189.02
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	198.32
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	60.24
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	462.58
Conceptual Depth of Well	210	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	62.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.62	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	49.45
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	24.7	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	19.28
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	102.34
Depth to Top of Open Interval	210		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.19	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	1
pH of water-quality sample			

Circle West Office Building

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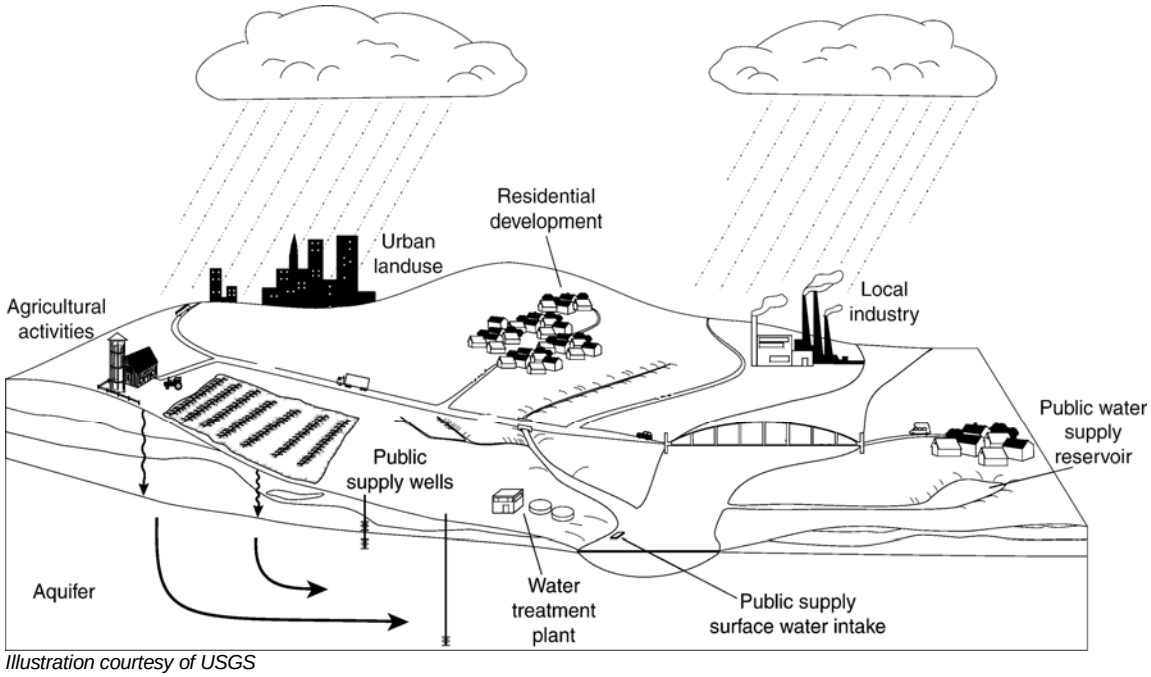

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Circle West Office Building

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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Circle West Office Building's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
	L	**L**	**L**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	87.81
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% Soil Organic Matter	0.8	% Impervious Surface, 1995	43.2
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	64.24
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Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
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pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	500	Population Density, Tier 1	163.69
% Soil Clay	20.62	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.74	% Urban Land Use, 1970	100
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.8	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
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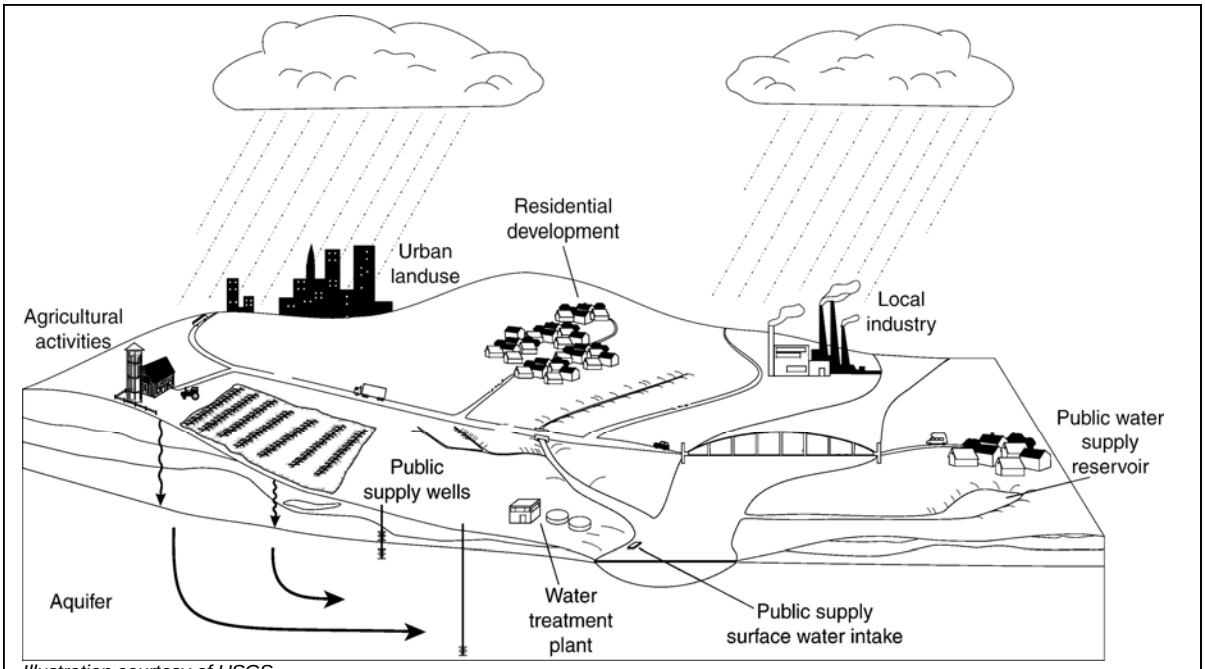

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Wilson Apple Funeral Home

Wilson Apple Funeral Home (PWID 1106387) at 2560 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 6 people (in 2003). Wilson Apple Funeral Home consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Wilson Apple Funeral Home's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
	M	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.14	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	244.47
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	64.31
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	808.15
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.84
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	19.78
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	41.84
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	19.78
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	244.47
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.99	% Impervious Surface, 1995	19.8
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	38.44
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.05
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	43.2
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	51.9
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	244.47
Depth to Top of Open Interval	170	Population Density, Tier 1	195.03
% Soil Clay	24.03	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.87	% Urban Land Use, 1970	56.3
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.99	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	33
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	187
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	50
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	244.47
Conceptual Depth of Well	170	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	68.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	5.87	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	43.7
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	24.03	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	35.54
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	84.23
Depth to Top of Open Interval	170		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.99	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.03
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	1
pH of water-quality sample			

Hopewell Valley Golf Course 6

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

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- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

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- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

The Safe Drinking Water Standards or Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) were used to define the three susceptibility ratings (H, M, and L). These standards are developed based health effects, analytical and treatment factors on either acute or long-term impacts related to drinking water exposure. A low susceptibility rating means a potential contaminant level was predicted to be less than 10 percent of the MCL for that contaminant category. A medium rating means the potential contaminant level was predicted to be equal to or greater than 10 percent and less than 50 percent of the MCL. A high rating was assigned to those sources that were predicted to have potential contaminant levels equal to or greater than 50 percent of the MCL. Sources with high susceptibility ratings are still likely to have contaminant concentrations below the MCL.

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Source Water Assessment Program Goals

The information obtained from the source water assessments may be used to achieve the following goals:

1. Protect sources of drinking water.

Source water protection focuses on preserving and protecting the public drinking water source. The source water assessment results may be used by DEP, purveyors, and local planning officials to lay the groundwork for advancing drinking water protection efforts. State and local agencies, as well as the regulated community, have made significant strides to protect the quality of our water resources. Major water quality improvements have been made as a result of water quality and drinking water standards and programs (both regulatory and nonregulatory) designed to ensure standards are met. Waste management and clean up programs have had success in controlling releases and ensuring actions are taken to achieve standards if releases occur. Recent measures to control non-point sources have expanded the DEP’s water quality protection programs by recognizing the link between land use change and water resource impacts. The Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets drinking water standards. In addition to these programs, major initiatives such as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, Surface Water Quality Standards and Category One Designation, and Stormwater Management Rules have recently been accomplished. Despite this success, the DEP recognizes the ongoing importance of using new information such as that from the source water assessments to evaluate the need for additional protection measures of drinking water sources. The DEP is currently reviewing the source water assessments to identify any necessary additional source water protection measures.

2. Public education of SWAP information.
DEP incorporated public education throughout the development and implementation of the Source Water Assessment Program. During the source water assessment process, DEP met with interested parties, beginning with the development of the SWAP Plan, published articles, wrote two newsletters, and developed a SWAP web site. The SWAP web site contains information on the program, technical resources, frequently asked questions, source water assessment results, and links to additional sites of interest. Upon completion of the source water assessments, DEP generated a source water assessment report for each public water system to report the susceptibility ratings of public drinking water sources to potential contamination.

The goal of the public education efforts is to raise public awareness of the source of their drinking water and the potential contaminants that could impair the water's quality. To continue fulfilling the education goal, DEP will conduct training sessions following the release of the Source Water Assessment Reports.

3. Establish a customized monitoring schedule for each public water system.
The source water assessments will assist DEP in improving current monitoring requirements for individual public water systems. Currently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the DEP have mandatory monitoring schedules that depend on a variety of factors that can include the source of the water (ground water or surface water) and the surrounding land use. These schedules may be customized based on the susceptibility of the sources of drinking water.

Where does drinking water come from?

There are two basic sources of drinking water: ground water and surface water.

Ground water is water found beneath the Earth's surface. Ground water comes from rain and snow seeping into rock and soil. Ground water is stored in underground areas called aquifers. Aquifers supply wells and springs. Wells in New Jersey range from about 15 feet to 2,000 feet deep.

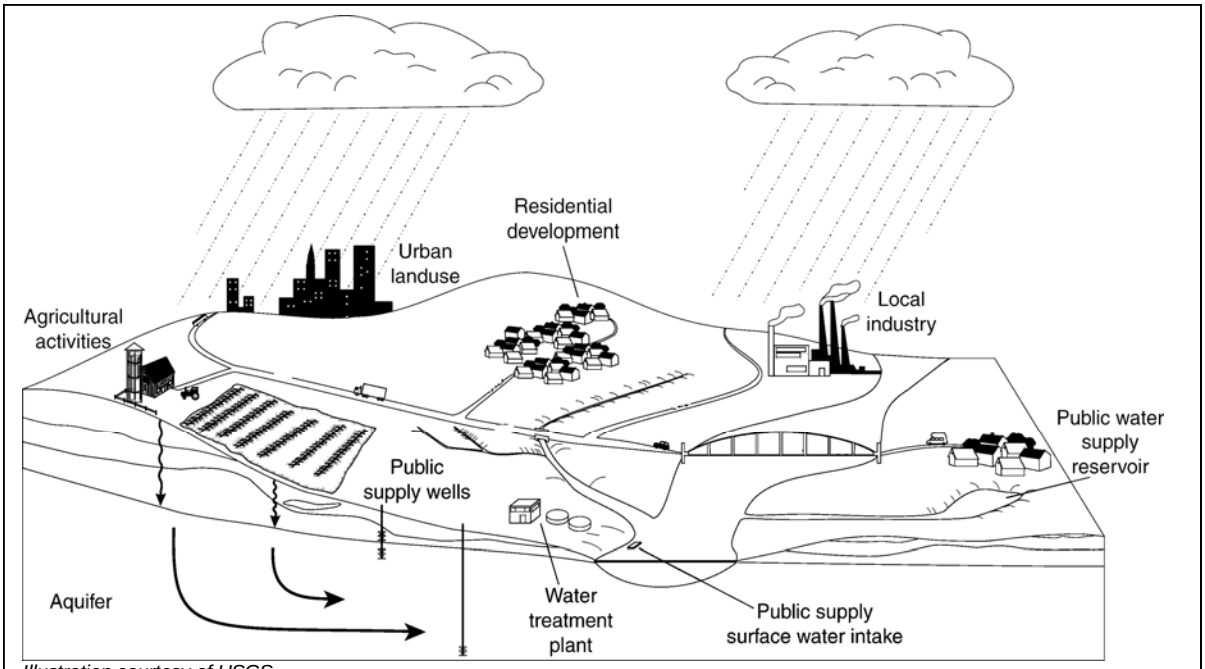
Surface water is the water naturally open to the atmosphere, such as rivers, lakes, streams and reservoirs. Precipitation that does not infiltrate the ground or evaporate into the sky runs off into surface water bodies.

Ground water can seep into a stream, river or other surface water body, recharging surface water bodies. Likewise, under some circumstances, surface water can seep into an adjacent aquifer.

A water system obtains its water from 1) wells drilled into the ground that pump out ground water; 2) devices called surface water intakes placed on a river, stream, or reservoir; or 3) both.

What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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What steps are being taken now to ensure my drinking water quality?

The DEP has numerous programs in place to maintain and protect the quality of our State's water resources. For example, the Safe Drinking Water Program is designed to ensure that water delivered for human consumption meets DEP's stringent health-based drinking water standards. Additionally, DEP has permitting, waste management, and clean up programs in place to avoid and control potential contamination. Key DEP drinking water protection initiatives will be phased-in over time in source water assessment areas to advance existing program protections.

What can you and others do to help?

While government at the state and local levels can do their part, there are actions you and your neighbors can take now to help protect our precious and shared natural resource.

Here's just a few ways you and others can help ensure clean and plentiful water for New Jersey – now and in the future. Join us today for a clean water future.

- Dispose of waste properly. Some materials such as motor oil, paint, flea collars, and household cleaners have the potential to contaminate source water. Contact your local Department of Public Works for proper household hazardous waste disposal.
- Limit your use of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides.

Here are some actions that municipal and county officials/local and county planners can take and you can help encourage and support.

- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Hopewell Valley Golf Course 6

Hopewell Valley Golf Course 6 (PWID 1106389) at 114 Pennington Hopewell Rd, Hopewell, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 350 people (in 2003). Hopewell Valley Golf Course 6 consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Hopewell Valley Golf Course 6's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
Well 4	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Well 4 **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1317.44
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	42.91
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	1.9
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	42.91
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	1.9
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1317.44
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	0
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.4	% Impervious Surface, 1995	1.6
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.13
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample	7.54	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1317.44
Depth to Top of Open Interval	100	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	22.55	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.33	% Urban Land Use, 1970	43.26
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.4	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	658.35
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample	7.54	% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	56.7
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	1317.44
Conceptual Depth of Well	100	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	56.7
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.33	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	31.07
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	22.55	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	2.79
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	189.63
Depth to Top of Open Interval	100		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.4	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.07
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample	7.54		

Pennington Montessori School

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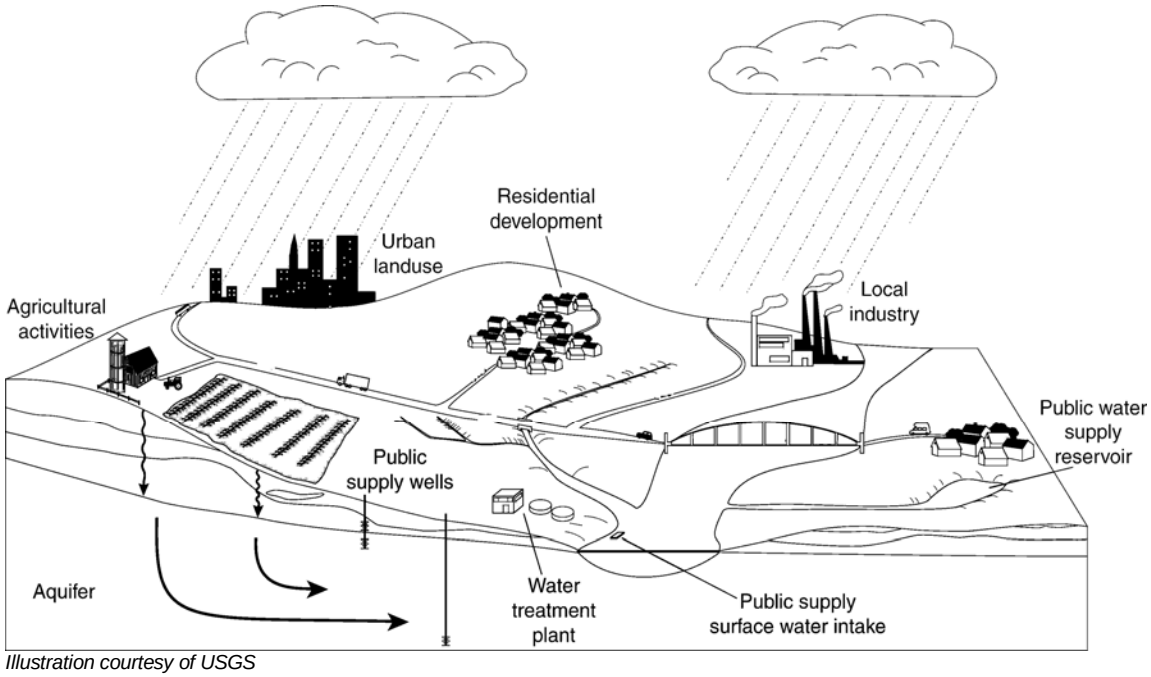
What factors may affect the quality of your drinking water source?

A variety of conditions and activities may affect the quality of drinking water source. These include geology (rock and soil types); depth of a well or location of a surface water intake; how the land surrounding the source is used (for industry, agriculture or development); the use of pesticides and fertilizers; and the presence of contaminated sites, leaking underground storage tanks, and landfills. Please refer to pages 6 and 7 of this report for specific potential contaminant source information.



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- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Pennington Montessori School

Pennington Montessori School (PWID 1106390) at 4 Tree Farm Road, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 153 people (in 2003). Pennington Montessori School consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

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Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Pennington Montessori School's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
	H	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**M**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

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If the variable value is shown as zero, then attributes or land activities are not present in the source water assessment area. If a value is not shown, this represents either unavailable data, or in the case of "Distance to" variables land activities of that type are not present in the source water assessment area.

This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

For more information please refer to the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County, available on the Source Water Assessment Program website. You may also contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550.

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = H			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	61.85
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	2417.3
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	28.87
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	37.73
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	28.87
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	37.73
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1.06	% Impervious Surface, 1995	8.1
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	6.09
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.15
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	1.9
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	1.9
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Depth to Top of Open Interval	200	Population Density, Tier 1	181.95
% Soil Clay	20.43	% Barren Land Use, 1995	6.49
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.73	% Urban Land Use, 1970	26.53
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	419.68
		Length of railroads	4710.84
		Population Density	360.79
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	3.1
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual Depth of Well	200	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	38.2
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.73	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	73.47
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.43	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	29.67
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	194.54
Depth to Top of Open Interval	200		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1.06	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.02
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (Corn Crib Building)

1106391

Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

As a requirement of the 1996 Amendments to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) performed a source water assessment of each source of public drinking water and determined each source's susceptibility to contamination. Susceptibility is a measure of the potential exposure of a drinking water source to contamination; actual (if any) contamination is not measured.

DEP, in conjunction with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), performed the following steps to determine the drinking water source's susceptibility.

- Identifying the area (known as the source water assessment area) that supplies water to your public drinking water system;
- Inventorying any significant potential sources of contamination in the area; and
- Analyzing how susceptible the drinking water source is to the potential sources of contamination.

DEP evaluated the susceptibility of all public water system sources to eight categories of contaminants.

- **Pathogens:** Disease-causing organisms such as bacteria and viruses. Common sources are animal and human fecal wastes.
- **Nutrients:** Compounds, minerals and elements that aid growth, that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include nitrogen and phosphorus.
- **Volatile Organic Compounds:** Man-made chemicals used as solvents, degreasers, and gasoline components. Examples include benzene, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), and vinyl chloride.
- **Pesticides**: Man-made chemicals used to control pests, weeds and fungus. Common sources include land application and manufacturing centers of pesticides. Examples include herbicides such as atrazine, and insecticides such as chlordane.
- **Inorganics:** Mineral-based compounds that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include arsenic, asbestos, copper, lead, and nitrate.
- **Radionuclides:** Radioactive substances that are both naturally occurring and man-made. Examples include radium and uranium.
- **Radon:** Colorless, odorless, cancer-causing gas that occurs naturally in the environment. For more information go to http://www.nj.gov/dep/rpp/radon/index.htm or call (800) 648-0394.
- **Disinfection Byproduct Precursors**: A common source is naturally occurring organic matter in surface water. Disinfection byproducts are formed when the disinfectants (usually chlorine) used to kill pathogens react with dissolved organic material (for example leaves) present in surface water.

To determine a source's susceptibility to these contaminants, the USGS, with DEP assistance, developed statistical models based on extensive analysis of existing well sample data and surface water intake data. The statistical models determined the relationship between environmental factors and the probability for contamination to occur. These models identified factors, such as land use or geology, found to be significantly "linked" to a public water system source's potential to become contaminated by one or more categories of contaminants. DEP and USGS looked at factors that might affect the quality of drinking water sources and separated them into two categories.

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- How frequently a contaminant is used or exists near the source. This is known as “intensity of use.” For example, the number and/or types of activities (such as industry or agriculture) surrounding the source.

The specific sensitivity and intensity of use factors and their values within each source water assessment area for your source(s) are provided on page 7 of this report.

Using the susceptibility factors, the statistical models provided a numerical score for each source of drinking water for each contaminant category. These were then converted into high (H), medium (M), or low (L) susceptibility ratings.

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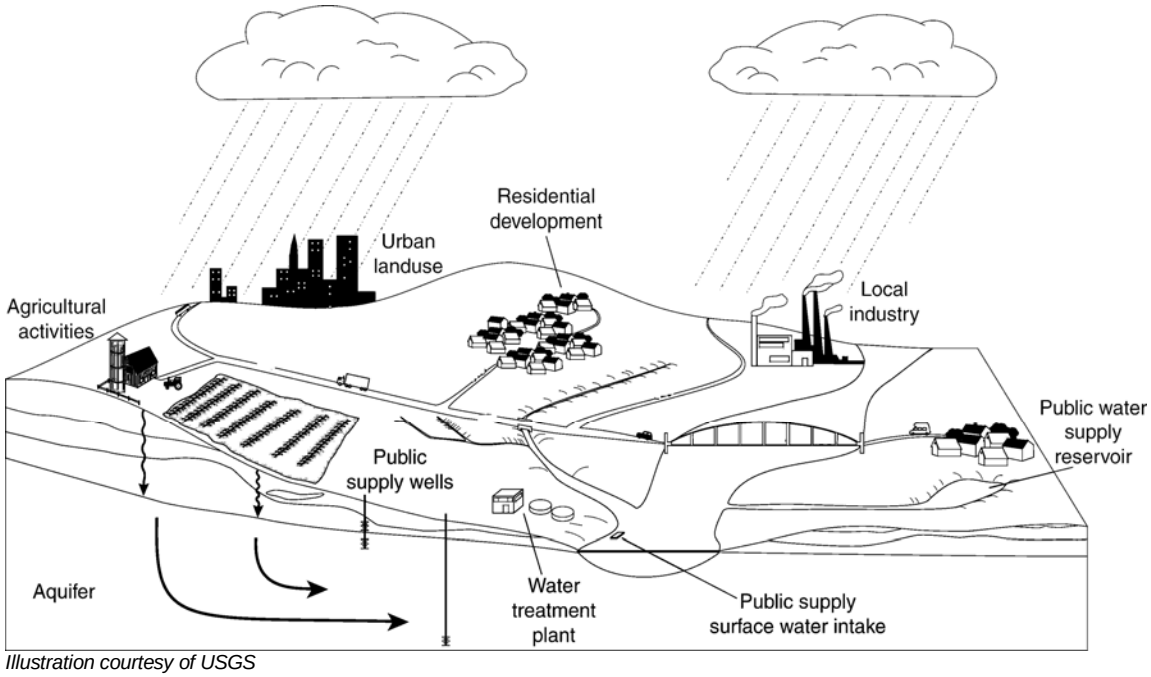

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (Corn Crib Building)

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (Corn Crib Building) (PWID 1106391) at 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 40 people (in 2003). Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (Corn Crib Building) consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

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Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association (Corn Crib Building)'s Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
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main office	**L**	**M**	**M**	**L**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**M**

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: main office **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.34
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	14.93
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	48.1
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	14.93
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	48.1
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.34
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.93	% Impervious Surface, 1995	2.2
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	3.01
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.03
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	5.5
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	5.5
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.34
Depth to Top of Open Interval	125	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	20.49	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.28	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.93	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	822.93
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	164.98
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	26.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	111.34
Conceptual Depth of Well	125	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	67.3
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.28	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	64.1
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.49	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	29.36
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	755.98
Depth to Top of Open Interval	125		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.93	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association

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Source Water Assessment Report

A State Assessment of Your Drinking Water Source's Vulnerability

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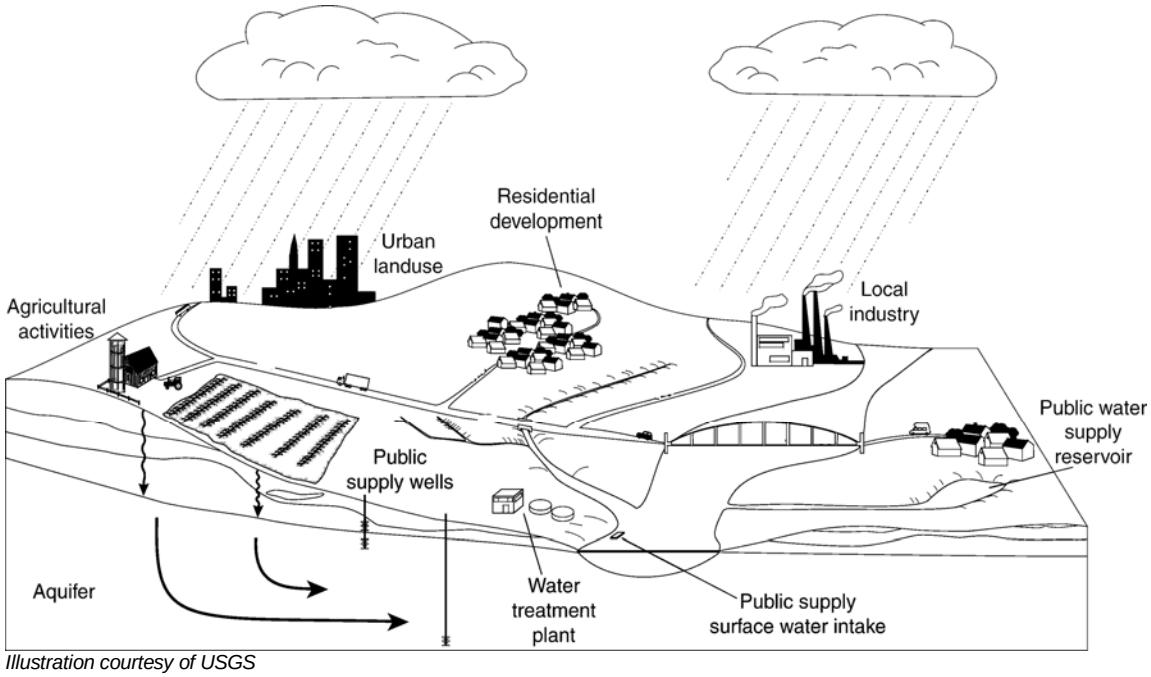

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Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: nature center **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.16	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	108.61
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.24
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.92	% Impervious Surface, 1995	2.3
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	0
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.01
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	11
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	11
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	108.61
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	20.5	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	7.08	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.92	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	818.24
		Length of railroads	0
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Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	39.14
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	108.61
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Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	20.5	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	32.16
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	761.56
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Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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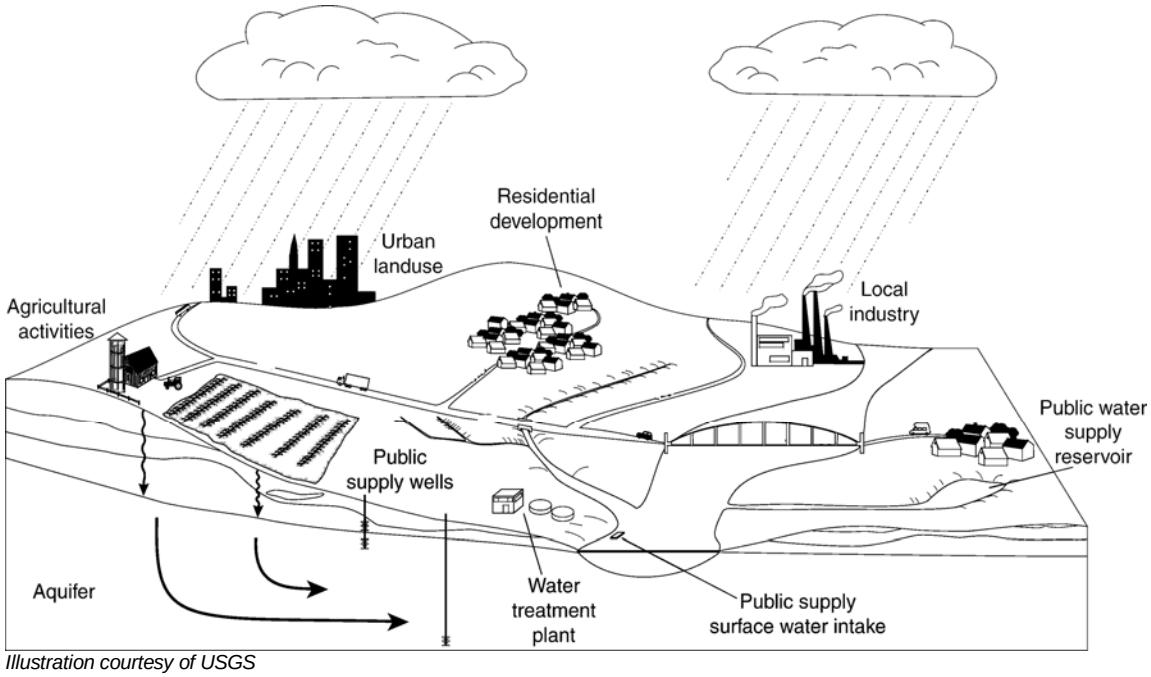

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Source: summer camp (by pond) **Status:** P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = M			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.13	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	438.96
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	57.01
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	709.31
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	3.5
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	12.83
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	12.83
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	438.96
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = L			
% Soil Organic Matter	1	% Impervious Surface, 1995	0.4
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	3.5
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	0
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	438.96
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	164.98
% Soil Clay	21.23	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	11.55	% Urban Land Use, 1970	0
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	1	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	690.79
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	199.04
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	20.62
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	438.96
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	20.6
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	11.55	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	93.62
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	21.23	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	11.91
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	254.25
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	1	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.02
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
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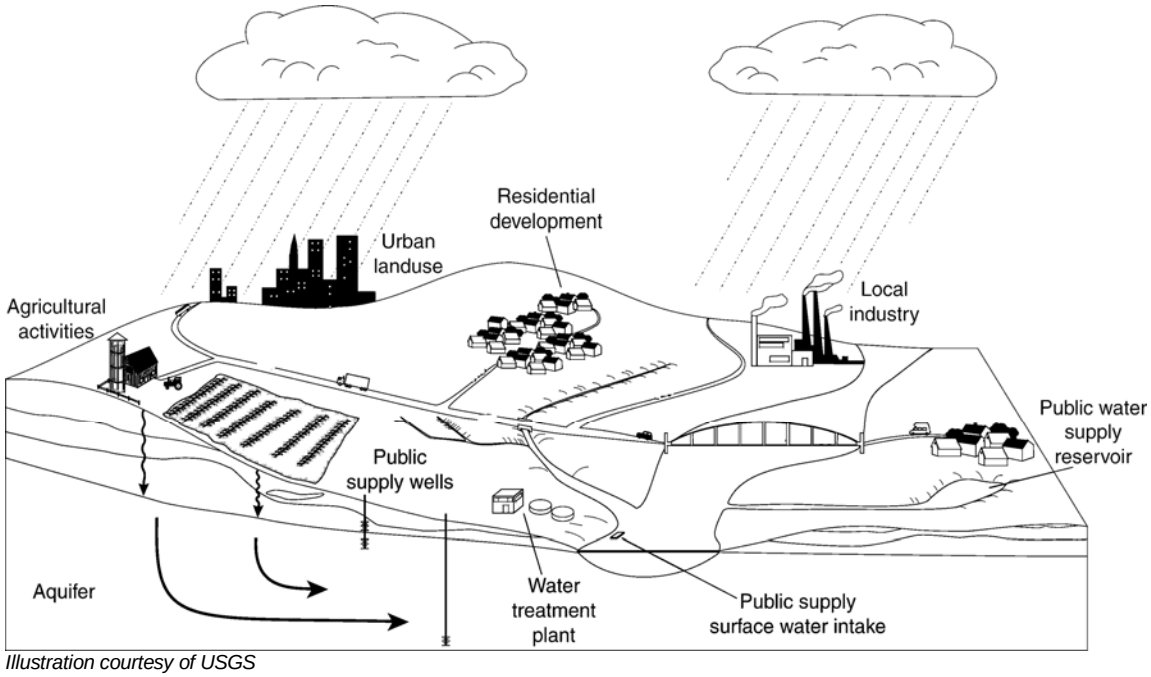

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Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Toddlers Village @ Stony Brook

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High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
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Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

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	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
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Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.18	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	48.43
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
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% Soil Organic Matter	1.04	% Impervious Surface, 1995	4.1
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		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.01
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	0
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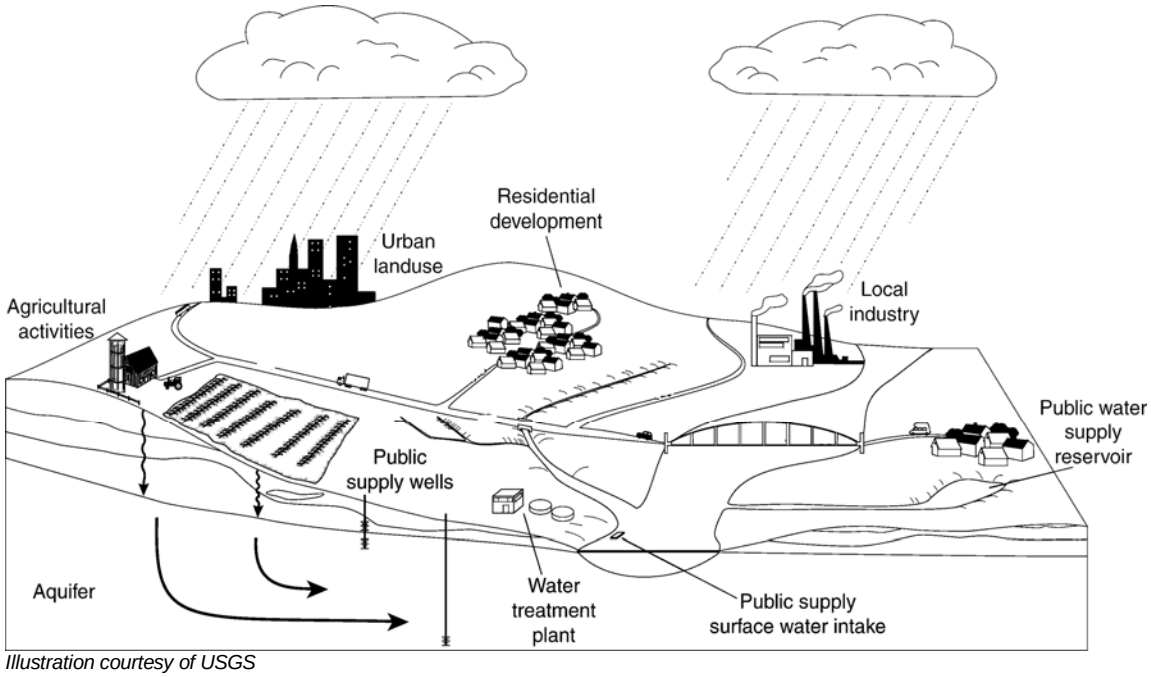

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- Manage and work with owners of existing potential contaminant sources to minimize potential contamination.
- Establish regulations prohibiting or restricting certain activities or land uses within the source water assessment area. Take appropriate enforcement action when necessary.
- Update municipal master plans to ensure greater protection.
- Purchase lands or create conservation easements within the source water assessment area.

Specific Source Water Assessment Information for Princeton Community Church

Princeton Community Church (PWID 1106395) at 2300 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ, is a public noncommunity water system that serves approximately 300 people (in 2003). Princeton Community Church consists of 1 active well(s) and 0 surface water intake(s).

Susceptibility Ratings

Table 1 below illustrates the percentage of noncommunity water system sources in New Jersey that rated high, medium, and low for each of the eight contaminant categories. This table is separated by source type: ground water and surface water. Table 2 illustrates the susceptibility ratings for **each source in your system** to each of the contaminant categories.

For the purpose of the Source Water Assessment Program, radionuclides were considered more of a ground water concern than a surface water issue. As a result, surface water intakes' susceptibility to radionuclides was not determined and they all received a low rating. DEP considered all surface water highly susceptible to pathogens; therefore all intakes received a high rating for the pathogen category.

Table 1: Summary of Statewide Susceptibility Ratings for Noncommunity Water System Sources (Percent)

	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	VOCs	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
Ground Water 3480 Total Wells								
High	2	0	0	32	19	69	17	3
Medium	18	66	66	0	42	28	72	97
Low	80	34	34	68	39	3	11	0
Surface Water 3 Total Intakes								
High	100	33	0	0	100	0	0	100
Medium	0	67	67	33	0	0	0	0
Low	0	0	33	67	0	100	100	0

Statewide, 85 percent of the noncommunity water system sources (ground water and surface water) rated high for at least one of the contaminant categories.

For surface water, the three contaminant categories in which all of the noncommunity water system surface water intakes (three total) received a high susceptibility rating were inorganics, disinfection byproduct precursors, and pathogens (all assumed to be highly susceptible to pathogens).

For ground water, the three contaminant categories in which the highest percentage of sources received a high susceptibility rating are radionuclides (69%), volatile organic compounds (32%), and inorganics (19%).

Table 2: Susceptibility Ratings for Princeton Community Church's Sources

Sources	Pathogens	Nutrients	Pesticides	Volatile Organic Compounds	Inorganics	Radionuclides	Radon	Disinfection Byproduct Precursors
	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating	Rating
	L	**M**	**M**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**H**	**M**

If a system is rated highly susceptible for a contaminant category, it does not mean a customer is or will be consuming contaminated drinking water. The rating reflects the potential for contamination of source water, not the existence of contamination. Public water systems are required to monitor for regulated contaminants and to install treatment if any contaminants are detected at frequencies and concentrations above allowable levels.

Which Sensitivity and Intensity Factors Determine a Source's Susceptibility?

The susceptibility models determined source water susceptibility is based on the well or intake's location and sensitivity and intensity factors (also known as explanatory variables). An explanatory variable can be used to predict the presence of or the potential presence of a contaminant in ground water or surface water.

Some explanatory variables are considered conceptual. A conceptual variable is one that has been shown in a previous scientific investigation to be related to, or is expected to have an effect on, the concentrations of a constituent. Conceptual variables that did not produce significant univariate statistical relations may however, produce a significant relation when used with other variables in multivariate statistical tests.

The following page contains an Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory, which provides the values of each explanatory variable within your source water assessment area. **This is not the entire potential contaminant source inventory for this system's source(s)**.

If the variable value is shown as zero, then attributes or land activities are not present in the source water assessment area. If a value is not shown, this represents either unavailable data, or in the case of "Distance to" variables land activities of that type are not present in the source water assessment area.

This information, used in conjunction with USGS's susceptibility rating scheme, calculates the susceptibility rating for each source to each contaminant category. If you are interested in USGS's rating schemes please refer to the "Contaminant Category Scoring System for Noncommunity Water Systems Appendix A – Attachment 2" available in the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County or on the Source Water Assessment Program website at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/swap/.

Following the Individual Explanatory Variable Inventory for your system is a source water assessment map illustrating the source water assessment areas for systems with in Hopewell Twp.

For more information please refer to the Noncommunity Source Water Assessment Report for Hopewell Twp, Mercer County, available on the Source Water Assessment Program website. You may also contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water at 609-292-5550.

Individual Explanatory Variable Groundwater Susceptibility Models			
Source: Status: P **Source Type:** G			
Sensitivity Variable Inventory		**Intensity Variable Inventory**	
Pathogens Explanatory Variables - Source Rating = L			
Conceptual-Soil Available Water Capacity	0.15	Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval		Conceptual Septic Tank Density	77.8
Conceptual - GWUDI		Conceptual – Presence of Streams, Tier 1	0
Nutrients Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	75.3
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
Pesticides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – Depth to Top of Open Interval		% Urban Land Use, 1995	75.3
Conceptual – Length of Open Interval		% Agricultural Land Use, 1986	0
		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
		Conceptual – Distance to golf course	
VOCs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
% Soil Organic Matter	0.98	% Impervious Surface, 1995	23.1
		% Commercial/Industrial Land Use, 1995	47.5
		Sq. Mi. of Urban Land Use, 1995	0.07
		Density of SWL, USTs, and KCSL	11
Inorganics Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Dissolved Oxygen of water-quality sample		Density of KCSL, SWL, NJPDES GW/SW/Storm, Compost Facilities, SWRRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, DPCC, UST	11
pH of water-quality sample		Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250	Population Density, Tier 1	240.33
% Soil Clay	22.28	% Barren Land Use, 1995	0
Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.97	% Urban Land Use, 1970	95.4
Conceptual % Soil Organic Matter	0.98	Distance to STP	
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	STP Density	0
		Distance to DOT roads	146.42
		Length of railroads	0
		Population Density	221.08
Radionuclides Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
pH of water-quality sample		% Urban Land Use, Tier 1, 1995	96.6
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Agricultural Land Use, 1995	
Conceptual Depth of Well	250	% Developed Land, Tier 1, 1995	96.5
Conceptual Soil Hydraulic Conductivity	6.97	% Agricultural Land Use, 1970	4.6
Radon Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = H			
Conceptual % Soil Clay	22.28	% Agricultural Land Use, 1995	0
Physiographic Province	PIEDMONT	Conceptual Distance to Wetlands Land Use, 1995	604.16
Depth to Top of Open Interval	250		
DBPs Explanatory Variables – Source Rating = M			
Conceptual – % Soil Organic Matter	0.98	Conceptual – Sq. Mi. of Wetlands Land Use, 1995	0.01
Conceptual NJGS Hydrologic Unit (aquifer)		Number of NJPDES SW/GW/Storm, Compost, SWWRF, SWTF200011, Class B Recycling, and DPCC	0
pH of water-quality sample			