

# Public Water Systems - Group B

Clark County Public Health  
BOCC – Work Session  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013



# What we'll cover

- Define Group B water system
- How do Group B systems serve our community
- WAC Rule revision overview
- Staff and Workgroup Recommendations
- Options for BOCC/BOH
- Next Steps and Questions

# Group B Public Water Systems

- Serves 3-14 connections
- Is a food service establishment, residential treatment facility, transient accommodations, boarding home, childcare or nursing home with fewer than 15 connections.
- Serves fewer than 25 people more than 60 days in a calendar year.

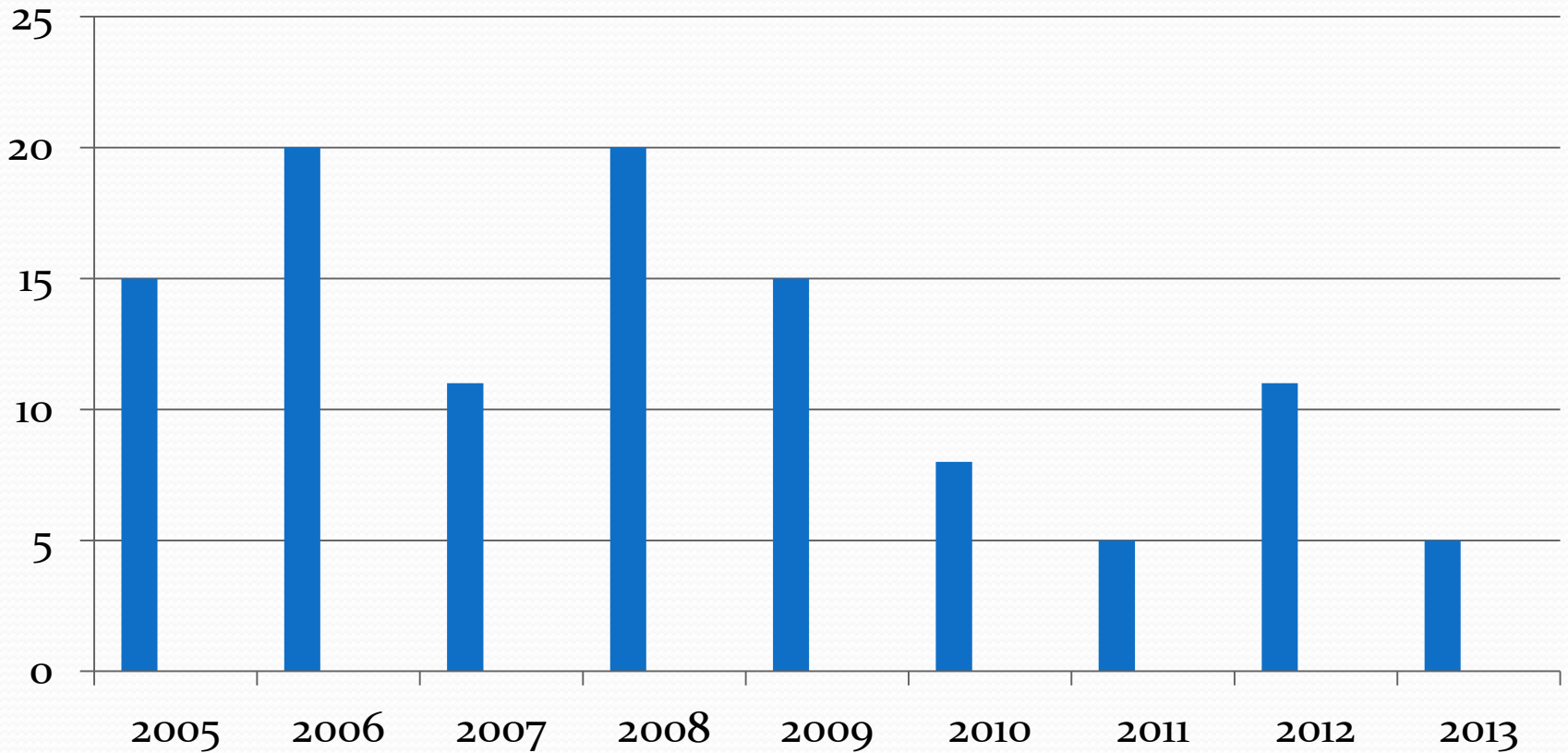
# Group B's provide:

- Safe and adequate water supply.
- Property value - To construct and occupy – adequate water supply.
- Serve multiple families – operated by one property owner.
- RCW/WAC govern Group B PWS.
- Within Clark County, there are approximately 200 systems with 3-14 connections as defined under new WAC criteria.

# CCPH's role

- Primary responsibility per Joint Plan of Responsibility (JPR) established in 2003.
- Fee in place and reviewed biannually.
- Siting & Review of system design.
- Oversight of drilling.
- Document retention.
- Technical Assistance to operators.

# Approvals by Year



CCPH has received inquiries for 2014.

# Workgroup

- Invited over 100 stakeholders to the discussion and ongoing updates.
- Representatives: operators, water laboratories, well drillers/contractors, private engineers, municipal water purveyors, county partners.
- Considered rule change and local implications.
- Defined options for Clark County.
- Developed recommendations.

# Recommendations (Immediate)

- Renew JPR: Full Delegation to maintain local capacity and oversight.
  - Rationale:
    - Maintain local involvement and understanding of development.
    - Ensure compatibility with the Clark County Coordinated Water Plan.
    - Maintains strong coordination with CC Community Development.
    - Faster review of designs and permits.
    - Minimize confusion about regulating authority.



# JPR – Full Delegation

- Recommended by workgroup.
- Clark County will review and approve all design submittals for new or expanding Group B public water systems intending to serve nine or fewer connections, ensuring compliance with each design approval requirement in chapter 246-291 WAC.
- In place since 2003.
- Current fee for service; \$1,124.00.

# Other options to BOH

Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) have these options for delegated responsibility to implement the Group B Rule:

- **No Delegation** of Responsibility to implement Chapter 246-291 WAC.
- **Partial Delegation** of Responsibility to implement Chapter 246-291 WAC.
- **Full Delegation\*** of Responsibility to implement Chapter 246-291 WAC.
- **Local Ordinance** –

\*Recommended by workgroup

# Local Ordinance

- Workgroup requests approval to pursue and discuss Ordinance options.
- Discussion with workgroup and BOCC throughout 2014.
- Provides the ability to approve water sources requiring treatment – increased flexibility for development.
- Sets standards for water quality and compliance.
- Includes public process and approval by BOH.

County	JPR Expires	Planned Group B Program JPR Option Full/Partial/None	Local Ordinances Y/N
Clallam	2013	None	N
Clark	2013	?	?
Cowlitz	2013	P/MOA	Y - updating current ordinance
Grays Harbor	2017*	F/MOA	Y - start work in 2014
Jefferson	2016*	None	N
Kitsap	2013	F/MOA	Y - start work in 2014
Lewis	2014*	F?/MOA	Y - start work in 2014
Mason	2017*	P	?
Pacific	No Contract		
Skamania	2013	None	N

# Customer Survey Results

- Public Water System Operators, Satellite Management Agencies, Customers.
- Asked questions about service, related costs and how to help the customer to ensure success.
- “Prefers local contacts”.
- “Been happy with CCPH services”.
- Interested in participating in an Ordinance workgroup.

# Recommendations

- Renew JPR: Full Delegation to maintain local capacity and oversight.
- Begin the process to create a local Ordinance.
- Next Steps:
  - Approval and signature of JPR at BOH (Tentative Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013).
  - Support for CCPH and Workgroup to draft a local ordinance. (2014)

QUESTIONS?