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SUBJECT: CRP-WHP (Wellhead Protection) Program Policy Change

It is to the benefit of Iowa's Community Water Supplies (CWS) and the citizens they serve, to enroll eligible land into the USDA-FSA CRP-WHP program. Historically, eligible acres were limited to the 2000 foot radius of the municipal wells. The Iowa DNR has established hydro-logically delineated public wellhead protection areas using a 10-year time-of-travel criteria. USDA-FSA has approved the 10 year time of travel for eligibility into the CRP-WHP program.

This recent change has the potential to increase the CRP-WHP program eligible acres in addition to decreasing Non-point Source risk to CWS.

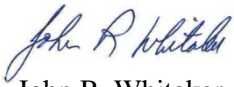
Field staff assisting landowners/operators and CWS can access the Source Water Protection database to determine the 10 year time of travel capture zone areas. Directions are as follows:

1. Go to: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/WaterQuality/SourcewaterProtection.aspx>
2. Scroll down to "Frequently Visited Websites" and click on the Source Water Tracker & Initial SWP Phase 1 Reports.
3. The Iowa Source Water Protection Tracker will appear. At the top of the page enter the name of the Municipal Water Supply and click on "SEARCH". You do NOT need to enter the PWSID.
4. A new page will appear, on the left side it will indicate the name of the Municipal Water Supply. Click on the name of the Municipal Water Supply.
5. A new page will appear, scroll down to the most recent Phase 1 Assessment report and click on the Phase 1 Report
6. A new page will appear, scroll to the bottom pages. The map will indicate the 2, 5, and 10 year time of travel. Utilize the 10-year time of travel delineation for the CRP-WHP program eligibility. In Karst areas a one mile radius is utilized in place of a 10 year time of travel. In some situations, if no 10-year time of travel is available revert to the 2000' radius.


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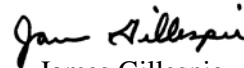
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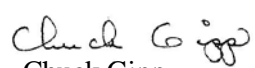


  
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