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# 42 U.S. Code § 300j-19c

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## Study on intractable water systems

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### **(a) Definition of intractable water system**

In this section, the term “intractable water system” means a community water system or a noncommunity water system—

- (1) that serves fewer than 1,000 individuals;
- (2) the owner or operator of which—
  - (A) is unable or unwilling to provide safe and adequate service to those individuals;
  - (B) has abandoned or effectively abandoned the community water system or noncommunity water system, as applicable;
  - (C) has defaulted on a financial obligation relating to the community water system or noncommunity water system, as applicable; or
  - (D) fails to maintain the facilities of the community water system or noncommunity water system, as applicable, in a manner so as to prevent a potential public health hazard; and

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