
42 U.S. Code § 300j-19f

Operational sustainability of small public water systems

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means—

- (A) a State;
- (B) a unit of local government;
- (C) a public corporation established by a unit of local government to provide water service;
- (D) a nonprofit corporation, public trust, or cooperative association that owns or operates a public water system;
- (E) an Indian Tribe that owns or operates a public water system;
- (F) a nonprofit organization that provides technical assistance to public water systems; and
- (G) a Tribal consortium.

(2) Operational sustainability

The term “operational sustainability” means the ability to improve the operation of a small system through the identification and prevention of potable water loss due to leaks, breaks, and other metering or infrastructure failures.

(3) Program

The term “program” means the grant program established under subsection (b).

(4) Small system

The term “small system”, for the purposes of this section, means a public water system that—

- (A) serves fewer than 10,000 people; and
- (B) is owned or operated by—
 - (i) a unit of local government;
 - (ii) a public corporation;
 - (iii) a nonprofit corporation;
 - (iv) a public trust;
 - (v) a cooperative association; or
 - (vi) an Indian Tribe.

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