

## 6. Capacity Development Strategy; DWAG March 7.

### Breakout Session on Barriers and Incentives related to Capacity Development

The Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water (ODW) established the Drinking Water Advisory Group (DWAG) in 2013 to hear from our drinking water partners on important issues. One important issue is capacity development, or water system's capacity to achieve and maintain compliance with regulations. Part of developing the office's overall capacity development strategy is documenting and responding to the barriers and incentives that water systems experience that hinder or encourage water systems to improve themselves. We will be asking DWAG members to help us by pointing out things that various governments do that are helpful or harmful.

Please consider the following so that we can have a robust conversation during the meeting's breakout sessions:

1. Thinking about **local governments** (or *other* local governments, if you represent one), such as local health jurisdictions, counties, cities, towns, public utility districts, special purpose districts, etc.
  - a. How do local governments **hinder** your system's progress?
  - b. How do local governments **help** your system's progress?
2. Thinking about the **federal government**, such as EPA, the white house, or congress:
  - a. How does the federal government **hinder** your system's progress?
  - b. How does the federal government **help** your system's progress?
3. Thinking about the **state government**, such as ODW, Ecology, Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the governor, and the legislature:
  - a. How does the state **hinder** your system's progress?
  - b. How does the state **help** your system's progress?