Foundational Public Health Services at ODW

DWAG: Your thoughts on stronger local partnerships

We will be conducting two sessions on Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) during the Drinking Water Advisory Group meeting on June 2. The sessions feature breakout rooms which will give you the opportunity to share your ideas about building stronger local partnerships. Thank you so much for your input and advocacy for safe, reliable drinking water!

Session One: Coordinated Water System Plans

After an introduction to the functions of ODW FPHS, we're going to discuss the future of coordinated water system planning in Washington. As part of the statewide planning framework, the Coordination Act may become more closely integrated into growth management so that water systems have a clearer voice in land use processes.

- Question A: What do your local governments and their planning departments need to understand about drinking water in your service area? Consider:
 - What do they do that makes your job harder?
 - What could they do that would make your job easier?
- Question B: What topics would you like to collaborate on with other water systems?
 Consider:
 - Source water protection
 - New source development
 - Emergency response
 - Water rights
 - Local financing

- Sharing operators
- Growth management
- Consumer engagement
- Shared services and consolidation
- Others

Session Two: LHJ Drinking Water Model Update

After an introduction to the Model Local Drinking Water Program, we're going to discuss how local health jurisdictions can be stronger partners and advocates for safe, reliable drinking water.

- Question C: What does your local health jurisdiction need to understand about drinking water in your county? Consider:
 - What role (or roles) should your local health jurisdiction fill?
 - Are there specific drinking water issues they should be working on in your county?
 - How can they best advocate for you?