Annual Agricultural Water Assessments and Risk-Based Outcomes

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Pre-harvest agricultural water for non-sprout covered produce.

Based in part on inspections and maintenance of agricultural water systems and an evaluation of various factors, including:

- **Nature of the water source and distribution system**
- **Degree of protection of the water system**
- **Water use practices**
- **Crop characteristics**
- **Environmental conditions**
- **Other relevant factors**

Is my water **not safe or not of adequate sanitary quality** for its intended use?

YES → **Immediately discontinue use** and implement **corrective measures** before resuming use.

NO

Are **adjacent or nearby land uses** reasonably likely to introduce known or reasonably foreseeable hazards from **animal activity, biological soil amendments of animal origin (BSAAO), or human waste**?

YES → Implement **mitigation measures promptly**, and no later than the same growing season.

NO

Are there **other conditions** that are **reasonably likely to introduce known or reasonably foreseeable hazards** onto covered produce or food contact surfaces?

YES MUST DO EITHER:

- Implement **mitigation measures as soon as practicable**, and no later than the following year.
- **Water testing as part of assessment** to determine if measures are needed.

NO

CONTINUE REGULAR INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF YOUR AGRICULTURAL WATER SYSTEMS.