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Water Quality Plan

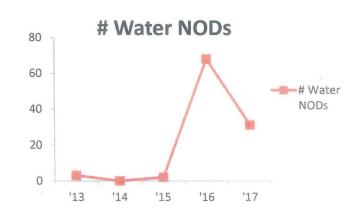
Secondary Water Quality in NC

NCDEQ began issuing Notice of Deficiencies for exceeding sMCLs for Fe and Mn in the **Raleigh Region** in **February 2016**.

- (8) Tier 1 NODs: Fe + Mn > 1 mg/L, no treatment
- (13) Tier 2 NODs: Fe + Mn > sMCL, no treatment
- (47) Tier 3 NODs: Fe + Mn >1 and sequestration

**Treatment is defined as media filtration and/or sequestration.

**Cartridge filters are not considered treatment per NCDEQ



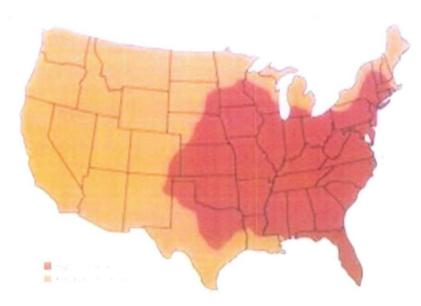


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Water Quality

- Safe and aesthetically pleasing
- Critical to achieving customer confidence in a water system.
- Iron and manganese can have negative impacts on a water system and on customers.







Water Quality Plan

Prioritize sites and address aesthetic water quality issues based on:

- 1. Notice of deficiencies
- 2. Scientific, engineering, and health data
- 3. Customer complaints

Plan Considerations:

- Capital Treatment/Filtration Plan
- Process Improvement
 - Tank Cleaning
 - Flushing

Collaborative Approach:

- Develop a common framework to address and prioritize secondary water quality issues
- Regulatory support

Plan based on specific plant level analysis.

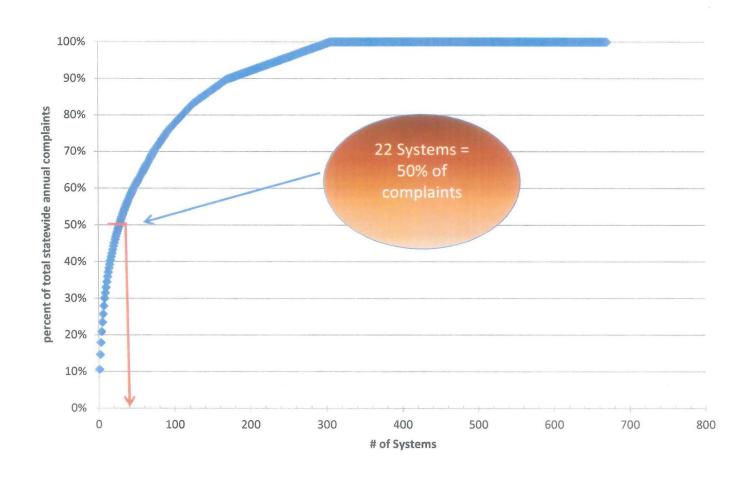
Approximately \$28M planned investment over next 7 years to address highest priority systems







Customer Complaints





Groups Based on Mineral Levels

GROUP: Iron and Manganese Condition

Action

 Group 1 Sites: Fe + Mn > 1 or Mn > 0.3 mg/L (Public Health Protection – Mn)



Filtration & Flushing & Tank Cleaning

Group 2 Sites: Fe> 0.6 & Mn> 0.1 mg/L
Aesthetics & Home Plumbing Protection



Sequestration or Filtration & Flushing

 Group 3 Sites: Fe>0.3 or Mn > 0.05 mg/L Aesthetics



Sequestration & Flushing

Group 4: Under sMCL



Flushing as needed

