

Water Security Initiative Program Review

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Eco-Risks & Contingency Management**

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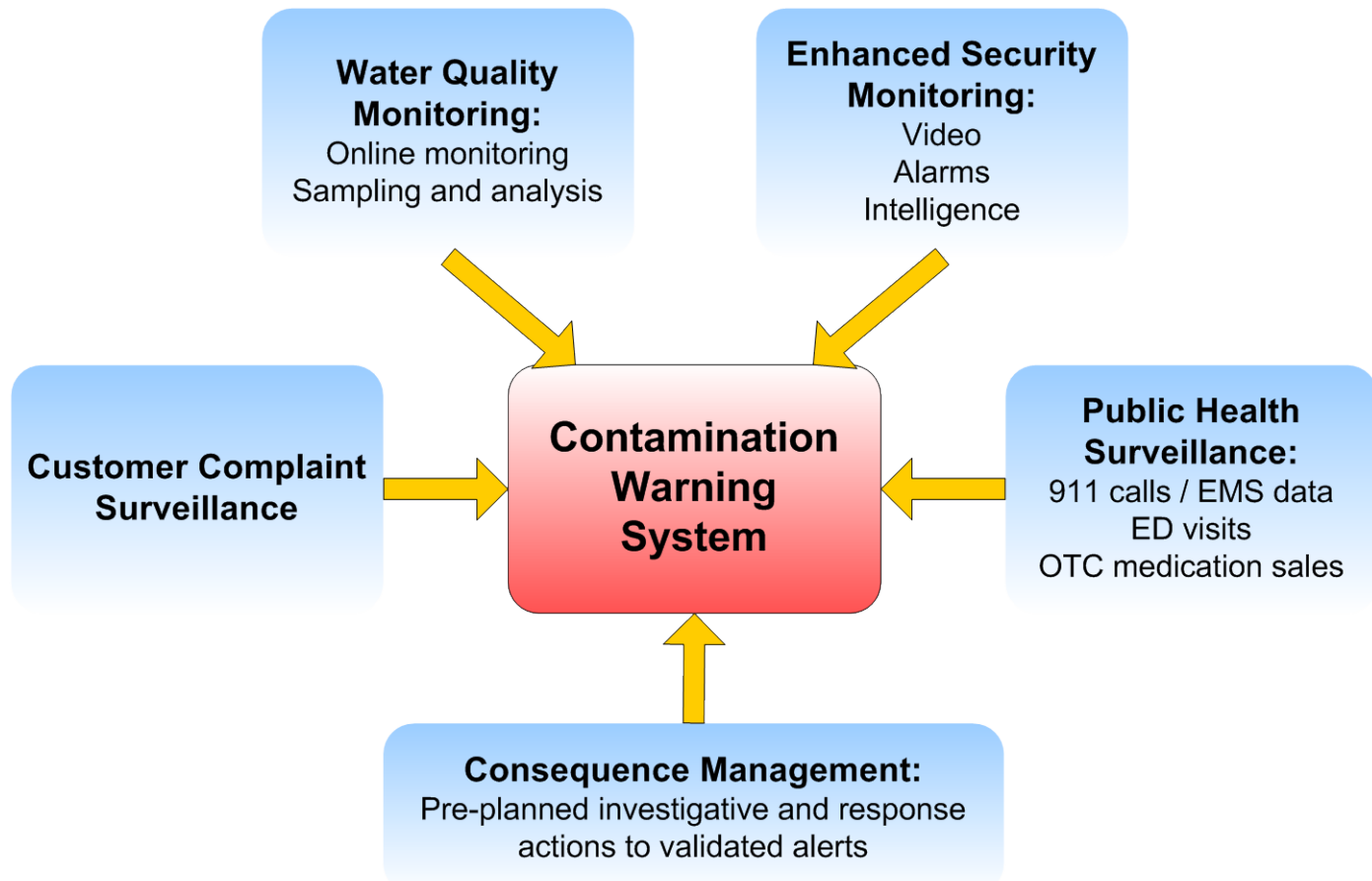
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Background

- The Water Security initiative (WSi) is an Environmental Protection Agency program that addresses the risk of contamination of drinking water distribution systems
- The WSi comprises work in three areas:
 1. **Develop a conceptual design** for a contamination warning system (CWS) that achieves *timely detection* and *appropriate response* to drinking water contamination incidents to minimize public health and economic impacts;
 2. **Demonstrate**, test, and evaluate the conceptual design in CWS **pilots** at drinking water utilities;
 3. **Issue practical guidance** and conduct outreach to promote voluntary national adoption of effective and sustainable drinking water CWSs.

1. Conceptual Design

- Enhanced *monitoring and surveillance components* collect, integrate, analyze, and communicate information.
- *Consequence management* is the response mechanism for validated alerts, as detected by the components.



2. Demonstration Pilot Timeline



3. Published Guidance Documents

Products are available on the EPA WSi website:

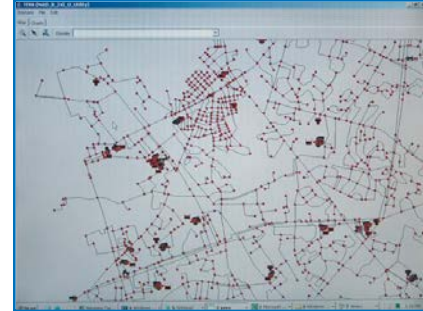
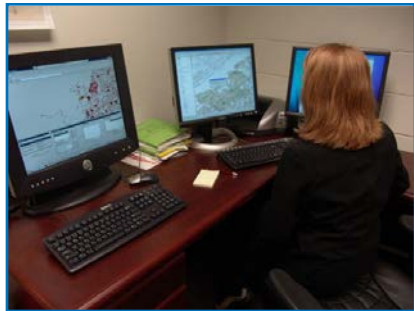
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Potential Opportunities for W-SMART Full Scale Exercise Involvement

- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
 - Table-top exercise: February, 2009
 - Functional Exercise: April 2010
 - *Full Scale Exercise: February 2012*
- New York Dept. of Environmental Protection
 - Seminars and workshops: 2010
 - *Functional and Full Scale Exercises: 2011/2012*
- Philadelphia Water Department
 - Seminars and workshops: 2010
 - *Functional and Full Scale Exercises: 2011/2012*
- Dallas Water Utilities
 - Seminars and workshops: 2010-2011
 - *Functional and Full Scale Exercises: 2012*

Thank you!



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