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AB-3090 Drinking water standards: emergency notification plan. (2023-2024)

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Assembly Bill No. 3090

CHAPTER 68

An act to amend Section 116460 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to drinking water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 3090, Maienschein. Drinking water standards: emergency notification plan.

Existing law prohibits a person from operating a public water system without an emergency notification plan that has been submitted to and approved by the State Water Resources Control Board.

This bill would authorize and encourage a public water system, when updating an emergency notification plan, to provide notification to water users by means of other communications technology, including, but not limited to, text messages, email, or social media.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 116460 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

116460. (a) A person shall not operate a public water system without an emergency notification plan that has been submitted to and approved by the department. The emergency notification plan shall provide for immediate notice to the customers of the public water system of any significant rise in the bacterial count of water or other failure to comply with any primary drinking water standard that represents an imminent danger to the health of the water users.

(b) When updating an emergency notification plan pursuant to this section, a public water system may, and is encouraged to, provide notification to water users, by means of other communications technology, including, but not limited to, text messages, email, or social media.

(c) A permit, variance, or exemption may not be issued or amended pursuant to this chapter until an emergency notification plan has been approved by the department.

(d) The department shall adopt regulations to implement this section. The regulations may provide for the exclusion of public water systems from the requirements of this section when, in the judgment of the department, the exclusion will best serve the public interest.