

# **Working Group on Drinking Water Research**

## **Mission Statement**

The purpose of the NDWAC Working Group on Drinking Water Research is to provide advice to the NDWAC as it develops recommendations for the U.S. EPA on a Comprehensive Drinking Water Research Strategy (as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act) that considers the broad range of research needed to support the Agency's drinking water regulatory activities. The Working Group will advise the NDWAC in assisting EPA in identifying, evaluating and prioritizing drinking water research needs over the next 5-10 years to ensure that EPA has the science it needs to make sound regulatory decisions. Consequently, this Working Group will be charged with two major activities: (1) consider the research needs associated with a broad range of issues, including but not limited to those covered by the existing Microbial/Disinfection By-Product and Arsenic Research Plans and the Contaminant Candidate List Research Plan that is under development; and (2) provide advice to NDWAC on how the Agency might prioritize research in the context of both long term and annual budget allocation demands, based on consideration of comprehensive drinking water research needs.

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