

ABSTRACT

TITLE: Metropolitan Washington Water Supply and Drought Awareness Response Plan: Potomac River System

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AGENCY: The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) is the regional planning organization for the Washington DC area's major local governments and their governing officials. MWCOC works towards solutions to regional problems such as energy shortages, traffic congestion, inadequate housing, air and water pollution, and water supply.

REPORT ABSTRACT: This document provides a plan of action that would be implemented during drought conditions for the purpose of coordinated regional response. The Plan, consists of two interrelated components: (1) a year-round plan emphasizing wise water use and conservation; and (2) a water supply and drought awareness and response plan. The year-round wise water use program applies to the entire region and is under development; what is presented is the basic framework and initial key messages. The Water Supply and Drought Awareness Plan contains four stages and is primarily designed for those customers who use the Potomac River for their drinking water supply. The Plan will eventually be expanded to incorporate all water supply systems throughout the region.

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