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## DEP Announces Changes Related to Reporting Water Use

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is working to get the word out about reporting changes for our Large Quantity User (LQU) Survey. The survey is due every year between January 1 and March 31<sup>st</sup>. This year all monthly water use data will be reported through our Electronic Submission System (ESS) on the DEP website ([www.dep.wv.gov](http://www.dep.wv.gov)).

Effective Jan. 1, 2015 the minimum reporting threshold became 300,000 gallons withdrawn from surface or groundwater sources in a 30-day period. Anyone withdrawing at that 300,000 gallon threshold or higher must collect water use data for each month so the data can be included in our survey. The LQU survey is submitted to the DEP's Water Use Section of the Division of Water and Waste Management on an annual basis. These annual surveys, completion of which is mandatory under the act, must include the *actual* monthly water use. In previous years, Large Quantity Users (LQUs) could certify that their water use was within plus-or- minus 10 percent of the quantity reported the prior year.

Any entity that bottles water for resale is included in the LQU survey. Excluded from the LQU this classification is water designated for farm use, including watering livestock or poultry on a farm, although farmers can volunteer their data. Entities that purchase water from a water provider also are not considered LQUs.

An instruction manual link for reporting water use is available below: