

OPPORTUNITIES TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER SOURCES AND ADVANCE WATERSHED GOALS THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER ACT

A Toolkit for State, Interstate, Tribal and Federal Water Program Managers

The goal of this Toolkit is to show how state Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) program staff and managers can more routinely and more intentionally coordinate CWA and SDWA activities to achieve improvements in the quality of our waters. This Toolkit:

- **identifies opportunities** to reduce pollution in drinking water sources by using CWA tools through key actions;
- **provides examples of on-the-ground implementation** to help readers understand *how* they can work across program lines and agency boundaries;
- **demonstrates how program managers can align their efforts** to protect source water through a *combination* of actions and institutional relationships that facilitate cross-program coordination at the national, regional, state, and watershed scales to achieve common objectives; and
- **shows how state clean water programs can leverage** the high value consumers place on public health and safe drinking water to increase public support for addressing surface and ground water quality challenges more effectively.

Each section of the Toolkit pertains to how specific CWA provisions and tools can be used to protect drinking water resources. The relationships between these provisions and examples of these tools are highlighted in the graphic below.

