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Water Systems Council Updates Mandatory Hookup Report

Washington, DC (February 7, 2007) – The Water Systems Council (WSC) recently published the third updated version of the Water Systems Council Report No. 1: *An Analysis of Mandatory Hookup Laws: Cases and Statutes*. The report summarizes applicable state case law and statutes authorizing local mandatory water connection ordinances in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and reviews Federal Court and U.S. Supreme Court decisions related to mandatory water connection ordinances.

The report was originally published in 2002, and updated in March 2005. This new report finds that mandatory hookup activity continues to increase dramatically across the country, with a push in many areas for public water. Thirty states have some type of legislation or court decision on their books that could be used to require mandatory hookup to public water systems even where private wells can provide a safe, more affordable drinking water source. The report includes recommendations for water industry professionals, state legislatures, federal agencies and others to help protect an individual's right to choose a private well.

WSC is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the wider use of wells as modern and affordable safe drinking water systems and to protecting ground water resources nationwide. It is the only national organization solely focused on individual water wells and other private well-based water systems.

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