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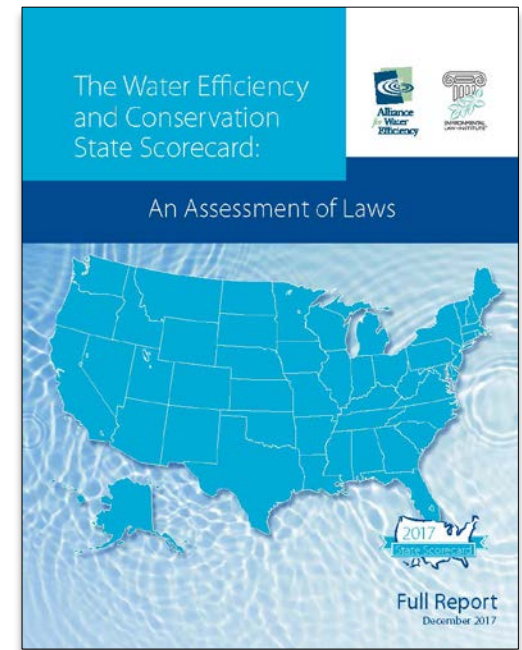


Scorecards Galore: State Policy Resources to Track and Initiate Progress



What is the Water Efficiency and Conservation State Scorecard?

- ▶ An assessment of state-level laws related to water efficiency and conservation for all 50 states
- ▶ Result of a 16-question survey (with sub-questions)
- ▶ A database of state laws
- ▶ A collaborative effort of AWE and the Environmental Law Institute



Goal of the State Scorecard

- ▶ Generate awareness and interest in state laws to promote water conservation and efficiency
- ▶ Highlight strong laws that can be foundational for other states
- ▶ Identify opportunities
- ▶ Motivate states through regular updates
- ▶ Create friendly competition among states

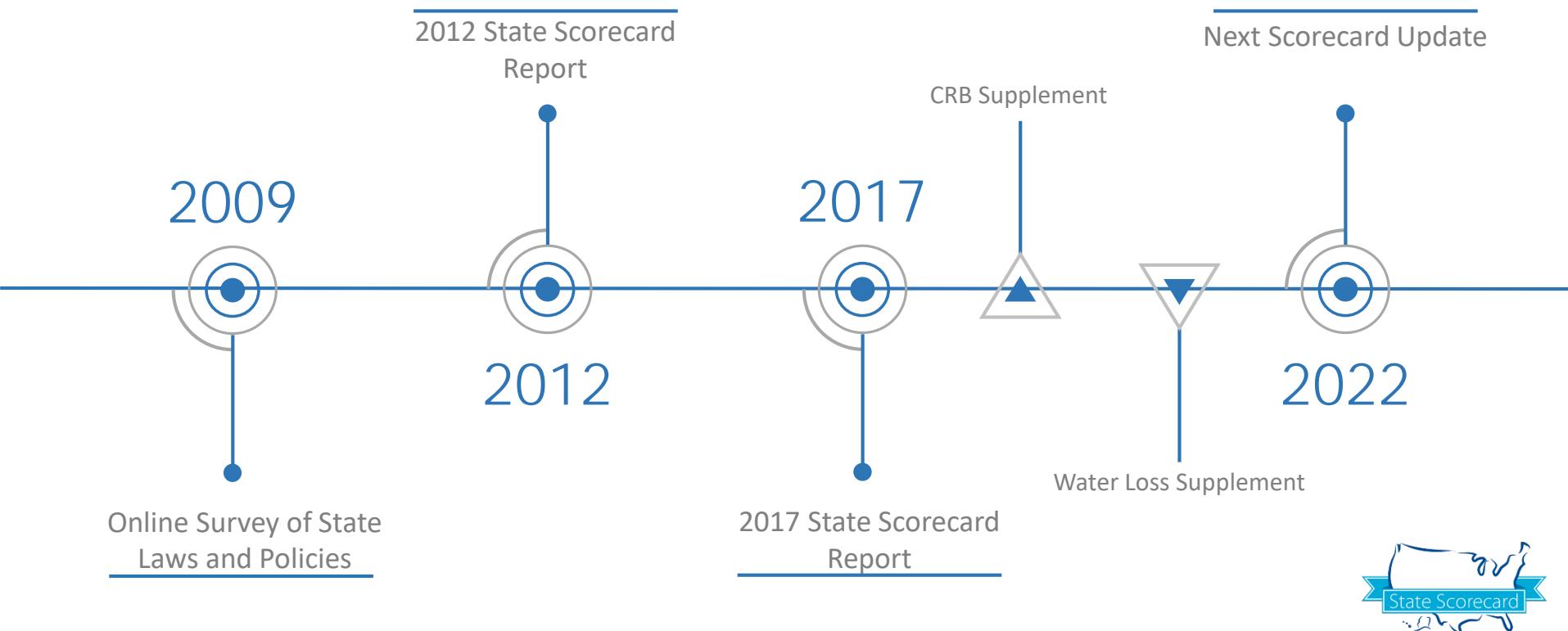


Primary Topics Covered

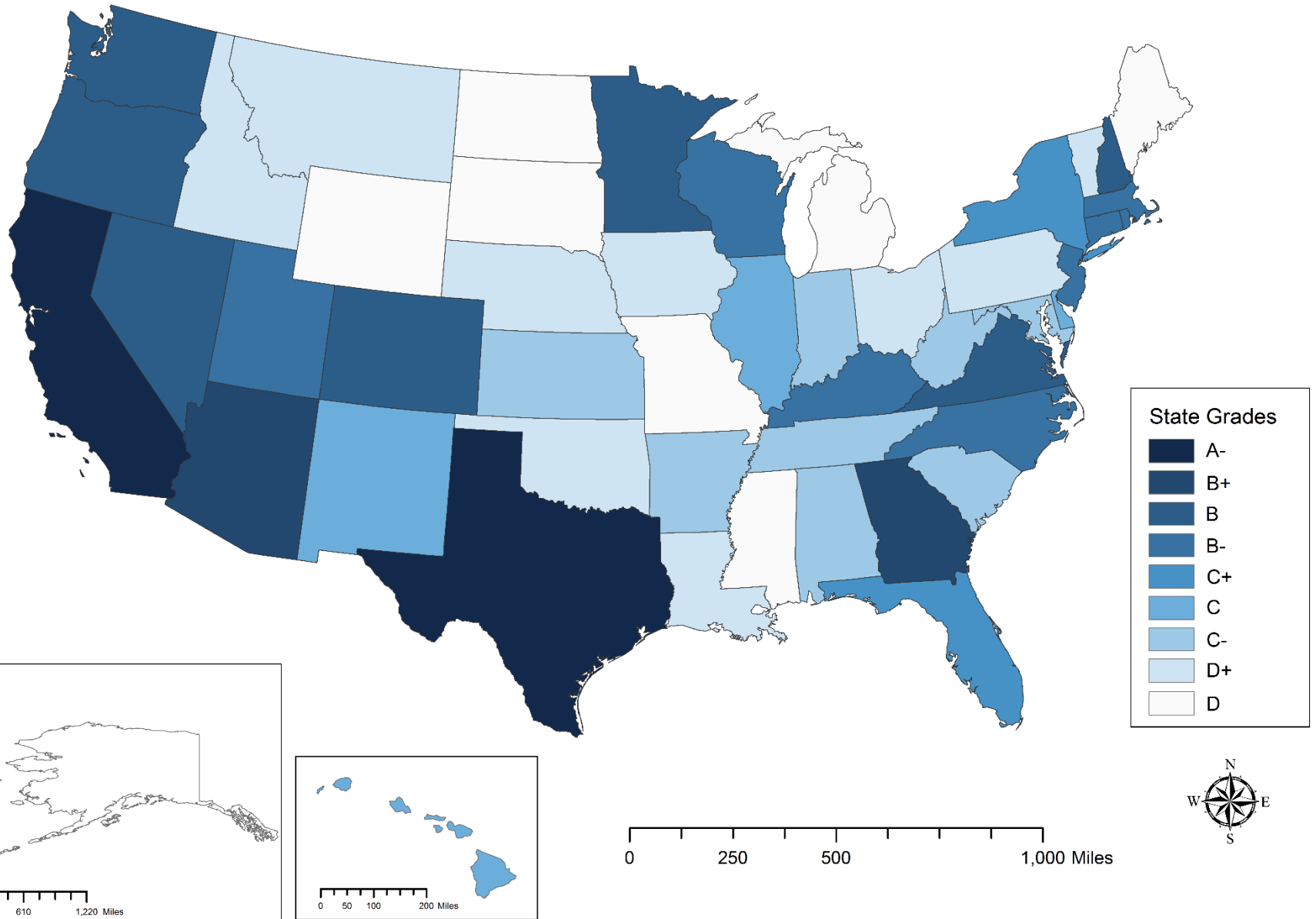
- ▶ Fixture & Appliance Standards
- ▶ Water Loss
- ▶ Permitting
- ▶ Drought Plans
- ▶ Conservation Plans
- ▶ Financial Assistance
- ▶ Technical Assistance
- ▶ Metering & Billing

History of the State Scorecard

- ▶ AWE has been developing resources related to state-level laws that encourage water conservation and efficiency for a decade

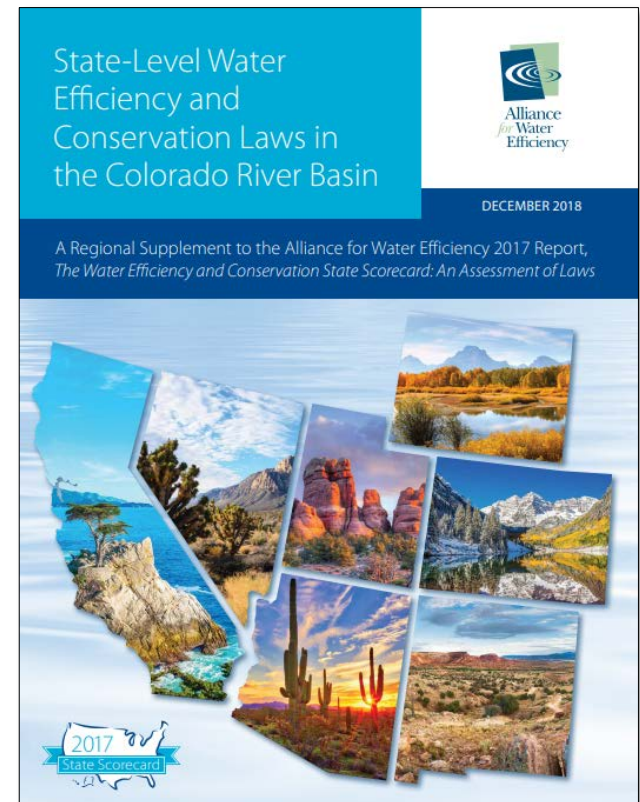


Water Efficiency and Conservation State Scorecard Grades (2017)



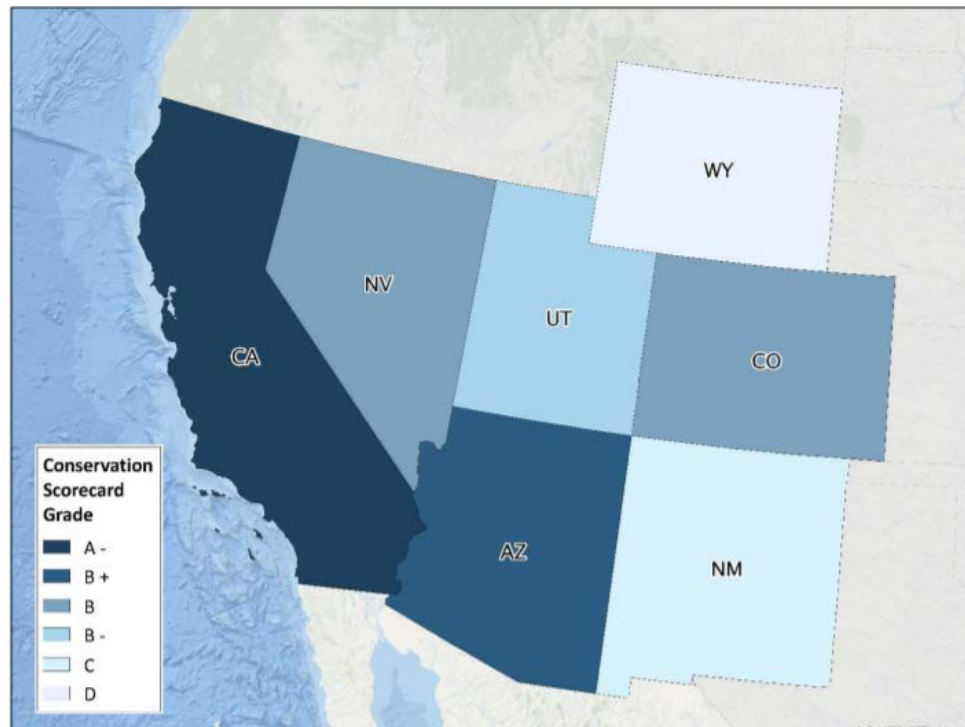
Colorado River Basin Supplement

- ▶ Focused on CRB States
- ▶ Detailed look at primary categories
- ▶ More Maps
- ▶ Full-length scorecards
- ▶ Released January 2019



Colorado River Basin Scores

- ▶ CRB States Averaged B-
- ▶ 50 States Averaged C
- ▶ CRB had highest and lowest scoring states



CRB Supplement Tables & Maps by Category

Plumbing and Appliance Standards and Building Codes	AZ	CA	CO	NV	NM	UT	WY
Toilets	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Showerheads	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Urinals	0	3	2	0	0	0	0
Clothes Washers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-rinse Spray Valves	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Building/Plumbing Codes	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	10.5	6	0	0	0	0

Table 4: AWE Water Efficiency and Conservation State Scorecard Points Awarded for Plumbing and Appliance Standards and Building Codes

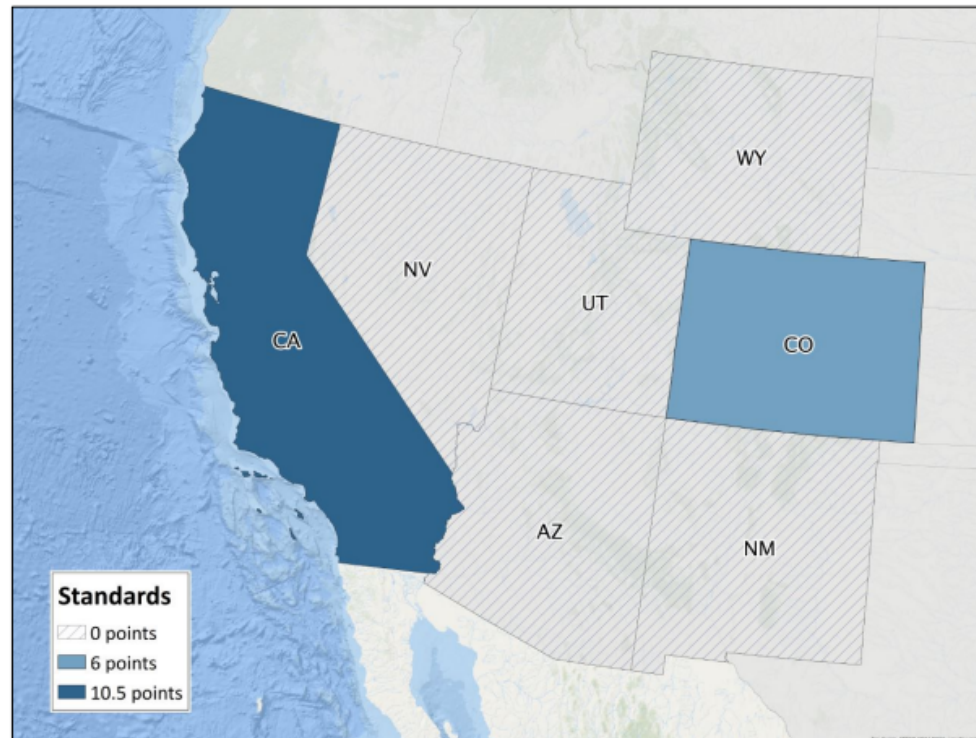
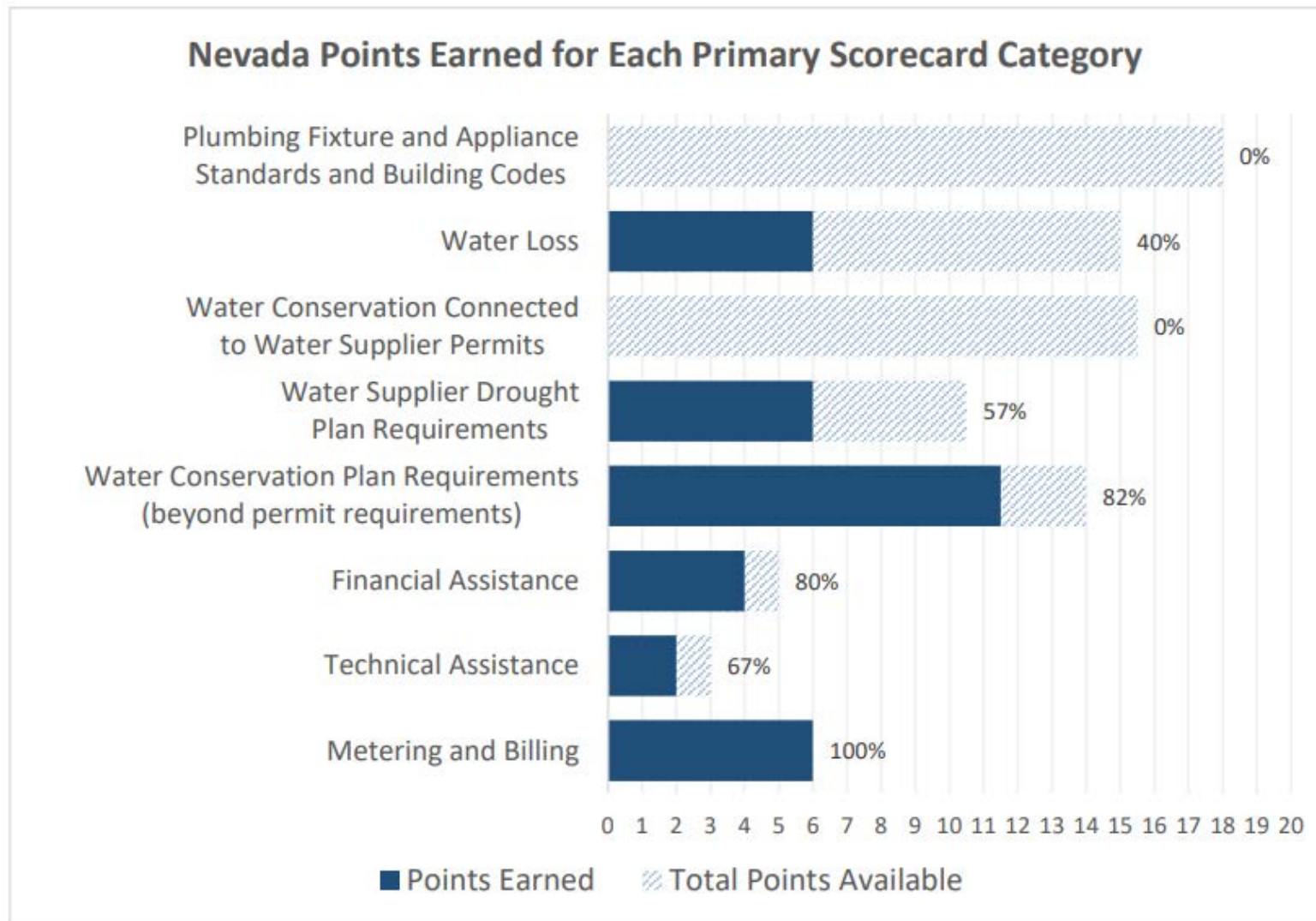


Figure 3: AWE Water Efficiency and Conservation State Scorecard Points Awarded for Fixture Standards more Efficient than EPA 1992, and Building and Plumbing Codes

Regional Supplement Charts



CRB Supplement Full-Length Scorecards

Nevada State Scorecard

Nevada Water Efficiency & Conservation Scorecard		Grade: B	
Question	Points Awarded	Points Available	
1. What state agency or agencies are in charge of drinking water conservation/efficiency?	2	2	
2. Does the state have a water consumption regulation for toilets (that is more stringent than the federal standard)?	0	3	
Yes or no?	0	2	
<i>Extra Credit #1: Yes and the fixture is subject to a replacement mandate in law</i>	0	1	
3. Does the state have a water consumption regulation for showerheads (that is more stringent than the federal standard)?	0	3	
Yes or no?	0	2	
<i>Extra Credit #2: Yes and the fixture is subject to a replacement mandate in law</i>	0	1	
4. Does the state have a water consumption regulation for urinals (that is more stringent than the federal standard)?	0	3	
Yes or no?	0	2	
<i>Extra Credit #3: Yes and the fixture is subject to a replacement mandate in law</i>	0	1	
5. Does the state have a water consumption regulation for clothes washers (that is more stringent than the federal standard)?	0	3	
Yes or no?	0	2	
<i>Extra Credit #4: Yes and the appliance is subject to a replacement mandate in law</i>	0	1	
6. Does the state have a water consumption regulation for pre-rinse spray valves (that is more stringent than the federal standard)?	0	3	
Yes or no?	0	2	
<i>Extra Credit #5: Yes and the fixture is subject to a replacement mandate in law</i>	0	1	
7. Do state building codes or plumbing codes require use of water efficient products (that exceed the federal standard)?	0	3	
8. Does a state statute(s)/regulation(s) limit water loss in utility distribution systems?	6	15	
(a) Yes or no? If yes, what is the requirement?	2	2	
<i>Extra Credit #6: State is leveraging state-funding for M36-compliant technical assistance to water systems in support of an existing or potential mandate</i>	0	2	
(b) To what water suppliers do the laws apply?	2	2	
(c) If there is a numeric limit on leakage or a formula for calculating acceptable levels of leakage, what is it?	0	2	
(d) Is submitting audit information required?	0	1	
(d)(i) If yes, at what frequency must it be submitted?	0	2	
(d)(ii) If yes, is audit data validation required?	0	1	
<i>Extra Credit #7: Audits are required to be conducted using the AWWA Free Water Audit Software</i>	0	1	
(e) Is leak detection required?	1	1	
(f) Is leak correction required?	1	1	



Nevada Progress

- ▶ Nevada AB163
- ▶ Introduced February 15, 2019
- ▶ Approved by Governor June 3, 2019
- ▶ AWE Scorecard helped make the case
- ▶ AWE provided support

Assembly Bill No. 163—Assemblymen Watts;
Cohen, Nguyen, Peters and Swank

Joint Sponsors: Senators Brooks;
and Scheible

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AN ACT relating to water; revising certain requirements relating to a plan of water conservation; revising minimum standards for plumbing fixtures in new construction and expansions and renovations in certain structures; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires each supplier of water and each public utility to adopt a plan of water conservation, which must be submitted to the Water Planning Section of the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, as applicable. The plan of water conservation must also be updated and submitted to the Section or Commission, as applicable, every 5 years. (NRS 540.131, 540.141, 704.662, 704.6622) Sections 1 and 8 of this bill require each supplier of water and public utility: (1) who serves 3,300 persons or more to submit the results of a water loss audit with the plan of water conservation or update to the plan; and (2) who serves less than 3,300 persons to submit the results of certain calculations regarding water delivered and water billed with the plan of water conservation or update to the plan. Once a supplier or public utility has submitted the results of a water loss audit, sections 1 and 8 require the supplier of water or public utility to submit with any future update to the plan of water conservation: (1) a comparison between the results of the most recent audit or calculations and the audit or calculations previously submitted; and (2) an analysis of any progress made towards certain goals which must be established in the plan of water conservation for water loss. Sections 3 and 9 of this bill revise the provisions which must be included in a plan or a joint plan of water conservation to include establishing goals for acceptable levels of water loss.

Existing law establishes certain minimum standards for plumbing fixtures in new construction, expansions and renovations in residential, commercial or industrial structures, certain public buildings financed by a public body, manufactured buildings and homes and mobile homes. (NRS 278.582, 338.193, 461.175, 489.706) Sections 4-7 of this bill revise these requirements to instead require that, if the WaterSense program established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency has established a final product specification for a type of toilet, shower apparatus, faucet or urinal, new construction, expansions and renovations on these structures must install toilets, shower apparatuses, faucets and urinals that have been certified under the WaterSense program. Sections 4-7 exempt from these requirements any residential, commercial or industrial structure and public building financed by a public body that was constructed 50 years or more before the current year.



80th Session (2019)



Water Loss Supplement



Water Loss Supplement

- ▶ Report published in March 2019
- ▶ Detailed look at water loss
- ▶ More maps
- ▶ Detailed tables



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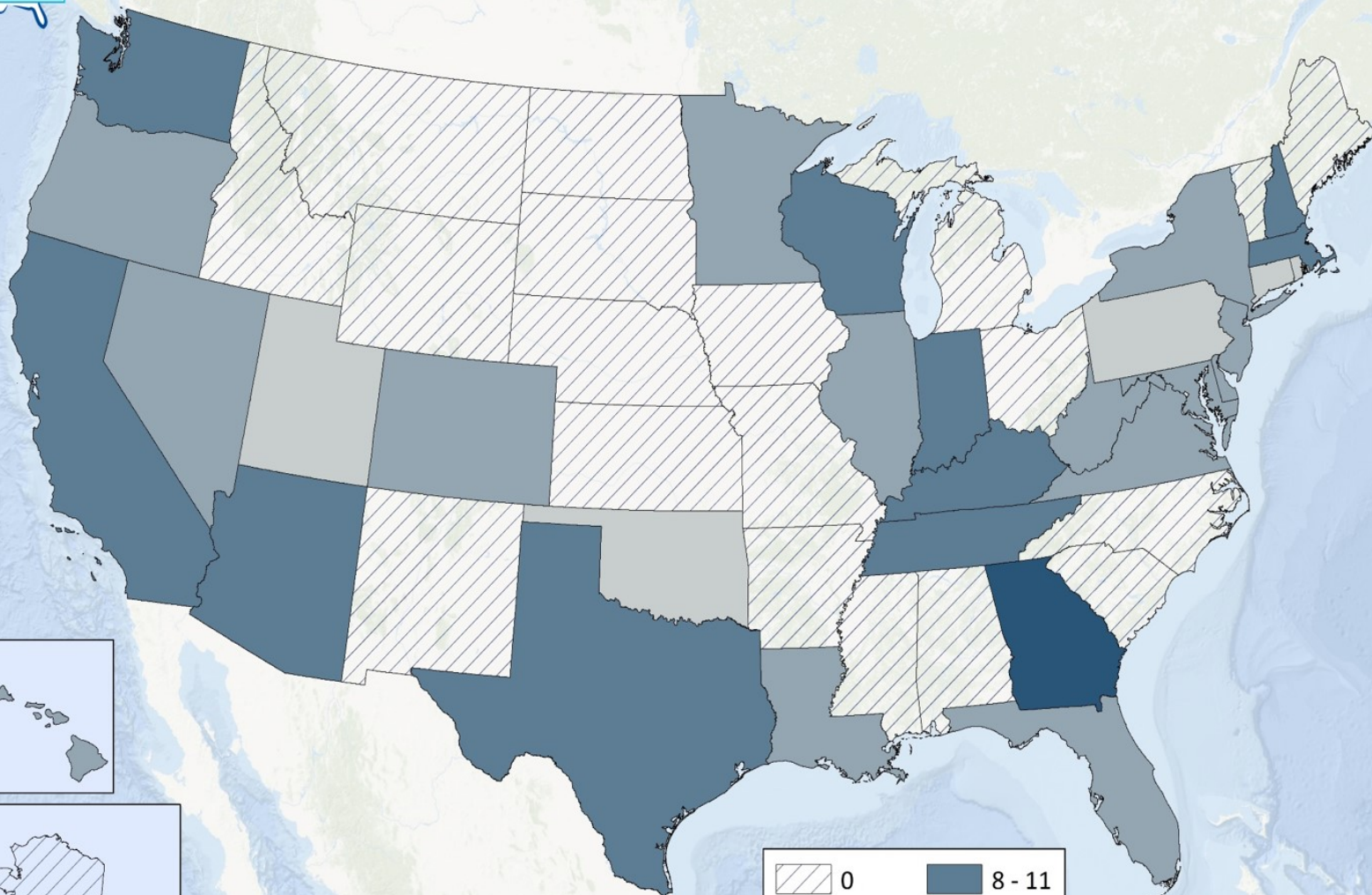
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Total Water Loss Points Received



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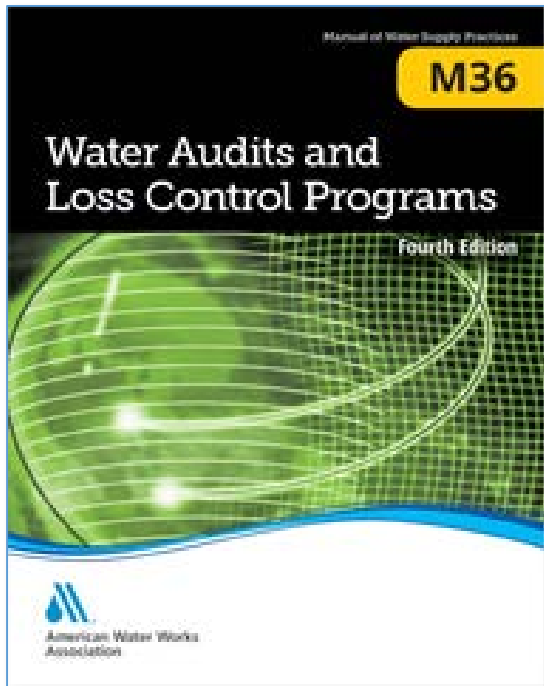
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High Priority Topic Area 1:

State Funding for M36-Compliant Technical Assistance

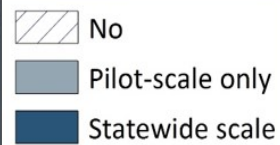
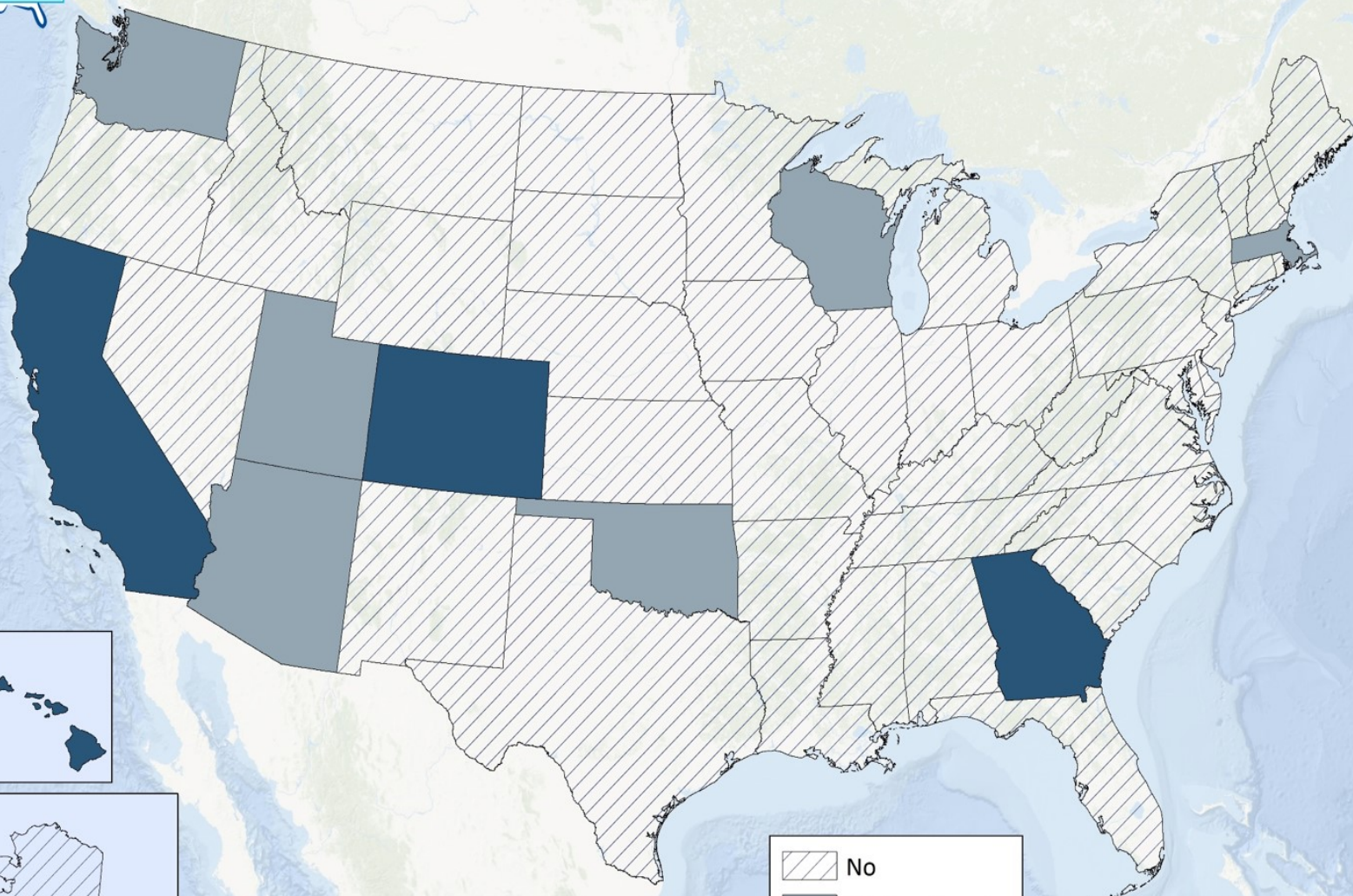


- ▶ AWWA M36 manual is the industry-standard water loss control guide for utilities
- ▶ State funding for technical assistance shows utilities that they are supported in their efforts

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M36-Compliant Technical Assistance Funding



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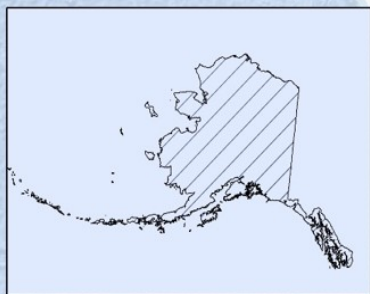
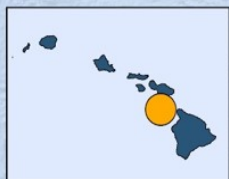
High Priority Topic Area 2: **Water Loss Audit Requirements**

- ▶ Requiring audits means utilities must establish an audit practice and methodology
- ▶ Audits should be validated to ensure quality data leading to quality decision-making
- ▶ Audits should be submitted regularly: preferred frequency is yearly, in keeping with standard business practices in all industries
- ▶ Extra credit for requiring industry-standard AWWA software

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Audit Information



 Not required

 One-time audit required; no validation required

 Audit required every two to five years; no validation required

 Audit required annually; no validation required

 Validated audit required annually

 Use of AWWA Free Water Audit Software Required

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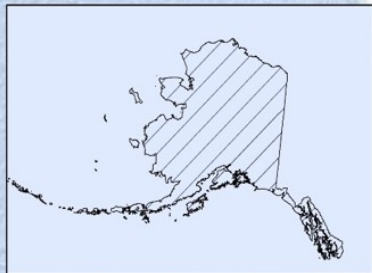
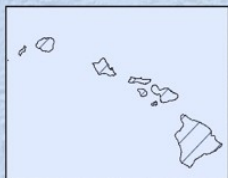
High Priority Topic Area 3: **Leak Detection and Correction**

- ▶ Leak detection and correction programs should be based on good audit data
- ▶ Leaks may be public-facing and dramatic
- ▶ Audits help establish proactive rather than reactive leak response

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Leak Detection and Correction Requirements



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|---|---|
|  Leak detection not required; leak correction not required |  Leak detection required; leak correction required |
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Ongoing Tracking and Support

- ▶ Regular Committee Updates
- ▶ Call to Action
- ▶ Legislative Watch



Legislative Watch

The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) is pleased to monitor U.S. and Canadian federal legislation, and U.S. state-level legislation to inform its members of bills relating to water conservation and efficiency. Bills of interest will be posted as action is taken, and they come to our attention. Check back for updates.

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