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# AMWA offers vision for CCR rule revisions in statement to NDWAC

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AMWA sent a statement (<https://www.amwa.net/testimonycomments/amwa-statement-ndwac-october-12-2021-meeting>) to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC (<https://www.epa.gov/ndwac>)) on October 1, ahead of an October 12 meeting (<https://www.epa.gov/ndwac/public-notice-and-meeting-announcements-ndwac>) where the council will discuss potential revisions to EPA's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) rule. AMWA's statement pushed back on the possibility of requiring drinking water systems to develop brand new CCRs every six months.

America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (AWIA) directed EPA to revise the CCR rule to increase the "readability, clarity, and understandability" of the contained information. The legislation also specified that the revised CCR rule must require community water systems serving more than 10,000 people to "provide" a CCR to each customer "at least biannually." This requirement departs from current rules directing water systems to create and distribute a CCR once each year. However, EPA would determine the precise scope of that requirement during this rulemaking process.

EPA convened a NDWAC working group (<https://www.epa.gov/ndwac/national-drinking-water-advisory-council-ndwac-consumer-confidence-report-rule-revision>) to discuss the CCR and potential changes to meet AWIA's requirements. One of the items up for debate is the possibility of requiring an entirely new CCR every six months, rather than just providing customers with a copy of the document twice a year, which AMWA recommends. The association asserted that a requirement to produce a new CCR twice per year would put unnecessary burdens onto water systems, with little to no public benefit because much of the monitoring data within the reports are collected by water systems annually, if not less frequently. Therefore, a new CCR would only carry minor differences from one six-month period to the next. AMWA concluded that this strategy could "increase customer confusion and run against the new law's goal of making CCRs more clear and understandable to the

public.”

AMWA provided its statement to the NDWAC ahead of the council’s October 12 meeting. AMWA staff will attend and report on any significant developments in the October Regulatory Report.

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