

webwatch

In this issue Webwatch covers water quality sites.

WHO Drinking Water Quality

This brings together the main WHO resources on aspects of contamination of drinking water. It includes links to the guidelines for drinking water quality, information on chemical hazards, infection and disease transmission and the promotion of household water treatment and safe storage. It also provides health statistics and access to training materials.

http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwq/en/

Watermark

This site is dedicated to the development of water supply surveillance and monitoring in low-income and transitional countries and contributes to the WHO's guidelines for drinking water quality. It includes water safety plans, and various tools and guides for use in surveillance programmes.

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/cv/wedc/watermark/>

International Commission on Water Quality

The International Commission on Water Quality (ICWQ) is responsible for promoting

the advancement of the water quality of hydrological systems, including assessment and management. The website links to their activities.

<http://www.geos.ed.ac.uk/icwq>

Robens Centre for Public and Environmental Health

RCPEH is a WHO Collaborating Centre for the Protection of Water Quality and Human Health. It carries out research, training and services on the impact of water on human health. Details of conferences, under- and postgraduate courses, research projects and publications relating to water quality and health are available on the website.

http://www.rcpeh.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=141&Itemid=557

UNICEF Handbook on Water Quality

Published in 2008, this free-to-download handbook provides an introduction to all aspects of water quality, and is designed as a resource for UNICEF field staff members and all others involved in the water, environment and sanitation sector. The handbook focuses on real-world problems faced by poor people, and on community- and household-based, low-cost solutions.

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It provides extensive pointers to key texts and resource materials.
<http://www.irc.nl/page/43602>

WELL Fact Sheets: Household water treatment, storage and handling and Water quality and water safety plans

The WELL household water treatment, storage and handling fact sheet presents an overview of options for water treatment at the point of use and ways of ensuring safe storage and handling. The water quality and water safety plans fact sheet outlines the rationale and implications of the changes proposed in the 3rd edition of the WHO *Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality* and highlights their

impact on global water quality programmes.

<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/well/resources/fact-sheets/fact-sheets.htm>

Household Water Treatment and Safe Storage Network

The network is a vehicle for advocacy, communication and research on achieving a significant reduction in water-borne disease, especially among vulnerable populations, by promoting household water treatment and safe storage as a key component of water, sanitation and hygiene programmes. The site includes details of meetings and newsletters.

http://www.who.int/household_water/network/en/