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Overview

This act strikes the existing definition of "public water supply" in the state Safe Drinking Water Act and instead inserts a citation to the definition of a similar term in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This change ensures that the state definition tracks with the federal definition.

- 1 Public water supply.** Amends § 144.382, subd. 4. Strikes the current definition of "public water supply" in the state Safe Drinking Water Act, and instead specifies that the term has the same meaning as "public water system," as defined in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

The two definitions are similar, except that: (1) the definition in state law states that a public water supply serves "an average of 25 people per day for 60 days of the year," and the definition in federal law states that a public water system "regularly serves at least twenty-five individuals;" (2) the federal law defines the terms "connections" and "irrigation districts" and exempts certain public water systems from regulation during a transition period, and the state law does not; and (3) state law defines the term to mean a system of piped water, and the definition in federal law includes both pipes and other constructed conveyances.