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Overview

This bill makes the definition of "public water supply" in the state Safe Drinking Water Act conform with a definition of a similar term in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Section

- 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 (3) the definition in state law means a system of piped water, and the definition in federal law includes both pipes and other constructed conveyances.