

Issues that affect drinking water supply and sanitation in the United States include water scarcity, pollution, a backlog of investment, concerns about the affordability of water for the poorest, and a rapidly retiring workforce.

Animated video to underline the importance of sanitation here with a focus on toilets on public health in developing countries The World Health Organization defines the term "sanitation" as follows: Excreta management systems, wastewater management systems included here are wastewater treatment plants , solid waste management systems, drainage systems for rainwater, also called stormwater drainage. There are some variations on the use of the term "sanitation" between countries. For example, hygiene promotion is seen by some as an integral part of sanitation. For this reason, the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council defines sanitation as "The collection, transport, treatment and disposal or reuse of human excreta , domestic wastewater and solid waste, and associated hygiene promotion. Purposes[edit] The overall purposes of sanitation are to provide a healthy living environment for everyone, to protect the natural resources such as surface water , groundwater , soil , and to provide safety, security and dignity for people when they defecate or urinate. It is derived from the human right to an adequate standard of living. Maintaining and sustaining sanitation has aspects that are technological, institutional and social in nature. Sanitation technologies may involve centralized civil engineering structures like sewer systems , sewage treatment , surface runoff treatment and solid waste landfills. These structures are designed to treat wastewater and municipal solid waste. Sanitation technologies may also take the form of relatively simple onsite sanitation systems. This can in some cases consist of a simple pit latrine or other type of non-flush toilet for the excreta management part. Providing sanitation to people requires attention to the entire system, not just focusing on technical aspects such as the toilet , fecal sludge management or the wastewater treatment plant. All need to be thoroughly considered. Shower, double-vault urine-diverting dry toilet UDDT and waterless urinal in Lima , Peru The term sanitation is connected with various descriptors or adjectives to signify certain types of sanitation systems which may deal only with human excreta management or with the entire sanitation system, i. Basic sanitation[edit] In , JMP defined a new term: This is defined as the use of improved sanitation facilities that are not shared with other households. A lower level of service is now called "limited sanitation service" which refers to use of improved sanitation facilities that are shared between two or more households. Container-based sanitation Container-based sanitation CBS refers to a sanitation system where human excreta is collected in sealable, removable containers or cartridges that are transported to treatment facilities. With suitable development, support and functioning partnerships, CBS can be used to provide low-income urban populations with safe collection, transport and treatment of excrement at a lower cost than installing and maintaining sewers. Community-led total sanitation[edit] Main article: Community-led total sanitation Community-Led Total Sanitation CLTS is an approach to achieve behavior change in mainly rural people by a process of "triggering", leading to spontaneous and long-term abandonment of open defecation practices. CLTS takes an approach to rural sanitation that works without hardware subsidies and that facilitates communities to recognize the problem of open defecation and take collective action to clean up and become "open defecation free". Dry sanitation[edit] The term "dry sanitation" is not in widespread use and is not very well defined. It usually refers to a system that uses a type of dry toilet and no sewers to transport excreta. Often when people speak of "dry sanitation" they mean a sanitation system that uses urine-diverting dry toilet UDDTs. Ecological sanitation Ecological sanitation , which is commonly abbreviated to ecosan, is an approach, rather than a technology or a device which is characterized by a desire to "close the loop" mainly for the nutrients and organic matter between sanitation and agriculture in a safe manner. Put in other words: When properly designed and operated, ecosan systems provide a hygienically safe, economical, and closed-loop system to convert human excreta into nutrients to be returned to the soil, and water to be returned to the land. Ecosan is also called resource-oriented sanitation. Emergency sanitation Emergency sanitation is required in situations including natural disasters and relief for refugees and Internally Displaced Persons IDPs. Immediate, short term and long term. The short term phase might also involve technologies such as urine-diverting dry

toilets , septic tanks , decentralized wastewater systems. Providing handwashing facilities and management of fecal sludge are also part of emergency sanitation. The Sphere Project handbook provides protection principles and core standards for sanitation to put in place after a disaster or conflict. Environmental sanitation[edit] Environmental sanitation encompasses the control of environmental factors that are connected to disease transmission. Subsets of this category are solid waste management, water and wastewater treatment, industrial waste treatment and noise and pollution control. Improved and unimproved sanitation[edit] Improved sanitation and unimproved sanitation refers to the management of human feces at the household level. Lack of sanitation[edit] Lack of sanitation refers to the absence of sanitation. In practical terms it usually means lack of toilets or lack of hygienic toilets that anybody would want to use voluntarily. The result of lack of sanitation is usually open defecation and open urination but this is of less concern with associated serious public health issues. On-site sanitation systems are often connected to fecal sludge management systems where the fecal sludge that is generated onsite is treated as an offsite location. A related term is a decentralized wastewater system which refers in particular to the wastewater part of on-site sanitation. Similarly, an onsite sewage facility can treat the wastewater generated locally. Safely managed sanitation[edit] A relatively high level of sanitation service is now called "safely managed sanitation" by the JMP definition. This is basic sanitation service where in addition excreta are safely disposed of in situ or transported and treated offsite. Sustainable sanitation Sustainable sanitation considers the entire "sanitation value chain", from the experience of the user, excreta and wastewater collection methods, transportation or conveyance of waste, treatment, and reuse or disposal. In the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance defined five sustainability criteria to compare the sustainability of sanitation systems. In order to be sustainable, a sanitation system has to be economically viable, socially acceptable, technically and institutionally appropriate, and it should also protect the environment and the natural resources.

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The Black Sheep of the Family A Brief History of Waste Regulation in the United States and Oklahoma By Jon Roberts, Land Protection Division If a song were written that metaphorically compared the amount of time and money provided for solid waste management systems over the years to that provided for its big brothers, water and wastewater systems, it might go something like: He sits in his Jacuzzi and watches the sun go down. While Oklahoma is relatively young, having been the 46th state admitted to the Union, it has been a leader in developing laws related to environmental protection since the early s when environmental protection came to the forefront of public concern. The ultimate goal for our state is quite simple--a clean, attractive, prosperous Oklahoma. Not surprisingly, garbage has been an issue since at least 10, BC when humans began moving away from their nomadic habits to establish primitive societies. The increased population densities resulted in more waste being concentrated in a smaller area. For example, over two thousand years ago, a Native American culture lived in the caves and rock shelters of northeastern Oklahoma, Arkansas, and southwestern Missouri. In those caves and shelters, archaeologists have uncovered evidence of ancient kitchen refuse, mammal bones, gourds, pumpkin and melon seeds, and charred ears of corn. National Perspective Nationally, waste management practices have evolved over time in response to two important factors: For instance, in , Boston officials prohibited disposing of fish and garbage near the common landing. During the mid- to lates, additional regulations were developed to address pollution of Boston Harbor. Consequently, government played a minimal role in the development of sanitary systems and during much of the s, American cities remained relatively unsanitary. Household waste disposal practices were primarily mirror images of those in England. Garbage was burned or simply dumped into the streets, alleys, and waterways; swine freely roamed the streets. Franklin also instituted the first municipal street cleaning service in Philadelphia in Yet, in spite of increased urbanization and improved scientific knowledge of the correlation between filth and disease, solid waste management practices remained largely unchanged. As late as the Civil War, pigs, goats, and stray dogs were free to roam the streets as "biological vacuum cleaners. Dumping waste at sea in New York Harbor, a common practice in s. The seeds of change were sown in mids England where sanitation theory the theory that filth could contribute to human illness began gaining popularity and gradually making its way to America. By the late s, America had developed a rather significant industrial base and her cities were becoming more urbanized. Because the correlation between filth and disease had become much more of a scientific certainty, local governments slowly became more involved with addressing proper sanitation, though most efforts focused on water and wastewater systems rather than waste management systems. However, change was not to come easily as local politics, costs, or general public apathy frequently thwarted attempts to establish local sanitation controls. In any event, by the late s, the germ theory of disease, and its correlation to sanitary conditions, was reaching its peak largely due to three epidemics in the s. Due in large part to these epidemics, the federal government finally began to realize it should play a roll in ensuring sanitation, and created a National Board of Health in As the 19th Century ended, the need for such a collection system was becoming apparent primarily due to four public concerns. First, as cities grew and America became a more consumer-oriented society, household wastes, ashes, horse droppings, street sweepings, and general rubbish were becoming more overwhelming problems for cities and individuals to manage. Secondly, the danger to public health from unsanitary conditions was firmly established. Third, both citizens and politicians realized that a clean city would attract businesses and create jobs which would, in turn, improve local economies. Fourth, local government involvement in public sanitary services was already well-established with water supplies and sewage management systems. Garbage collection was a natural extension of public services, and increasingly, local citizens began demanding solutions. Early s refuse collection wagon. During the first half of the 20th Century, the primary local government challenge with respect to sanitary services was adapting those services to increased urbanization, urban sprawl, and demand for improved services to rural

communities. To address these issues, local government focus, both from engineering and financial standpoints, was primarily on water supply and sewage management. Waste management was still relegated to third-class status despite dramatic increases in the amount of solid waste generated. Furthermore, the first half of the 20th Century was dominated by two World Wars and the Great Depression. Thus, no substantial change to waste management practices was seen. Municipalities began to realize some sort of citywide waste collection and disposal service was needed and began providing such services. But, by the late s, waste collection and disposal costs had soared in the wake of expanding city limits, forcing local governments to begin looking for ways to curb those costs. Focus, however, was directed toward contracting out such services and implementing mechanized collection rather than development of integrated waste management systems. During this period, municipalities began using transfer stations to centralize wastes and use larger vehicles, barges, and railroads to transport waste from the transfer station to a disposal site. Many locations had the city or town "dump" where its waste was disposed. Though easy to construct and relatively cheap to operate, the dumps were generally located near rivers and streams, where liquids and refuse from the dumps could easily enter the water and threaten water supplies. In addition, they were extremely unsanitary, attracted vermin, gave off repugnant odors, and were fire hazards. It was not until that the federal government issued the first location restriction for disposal sites by recommending, but not requiring, dumps to be located away from river banks. For instance, in , the United States Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling requiring New York City to cease disposal of its municipal waste at sea. In the s, California passed laws prohibiting disposal of garbage within 20 miles of shore. The British called this practice "controlled tipping" from which the term "tipping fee" the fee charged by landfill operators to dispose of waste at their facility was probably coined. While open dumping had been practiced for years, the idea of a pseudo-engineered fill was quite unique. By alternating layers of waste and either soil or another non-putrefying material, the belief was that vermin populations, odors, and fires could be reduced, making land disposal less smelly and more "sanitary" and acceptable. The first modern "sanitary landfill" in the US built on the British design, began operation in Fresno, California in . New consumer goods made life easier: Urban sprawl increased as the new middle class moved to the suburbs. Concurrent with this new consumer society and increase in population was a drastic increase in the amount of solid waste generated. To help cover the cost, new service charges and taxes were instituted. While collection and disposal responsibility rested primarily with local governments, cities were finding it increasingly difficult to manage the waste generated as populations, consumerism, and industry grew. Open dumps, with the resulting fires, odors, and vermin problems, were still in use in many locations. While it was becoming quite apparent that a national emphasis on waste management was needed, it was not until that any sort of recommended national guidelines for waste disposal sites were published. These guidelines were based, in part, on sanitary fill methods developed during World War II. Because solid waste was here to stay, it was necessary for the nation to make a fundamental shift in its thinking by asking, "What can be done with garbage that will protect both health and the environment? Furthermore, no state had any real solid waste legislation; solid wastes were indirectly covered under health and nuisance statutes. It also stipulated that a national system for hazardous waste management be implemented. Solid waste management was now as great a national-level concern as water quality had been for many years. The goals of RCRA were to protect the environment, conserve resources, and reduce the amount of waste being generated. RCRA was divided into various Subtitles, two of which dealt directly with waste management issues. Subtitle C required development of a comprehensive hazardous waste management scheme to ensure those wastes were safely managed from the moment they were generated until final disposal affectionately known as "cradle-to-grave". Subtitle D was designed to deal with disposal of non-hazardous wastes and ensure non-hazardous waste disposal sites were constructed in a manner to greatly reduce environmental impacts. The regulations implemented several requirements: While specific details regarding the standards are well beyond the scope of this article, the standards clearly spelled out the cradle-to-grave management goal for hazardous waste. HSWA not only put into effect tough, new requirements for hazardous waste management and disposal, but also mandated that EPA develop criteria for new solid waste landfills to drastically reduce the likelihood that new Superfund sites would be created due to poorly constructed and operated landfills. Thus, in EPA promulgated

a regulatory framework for the construction and operation of landfills receiving municipal solid waste. The criteria required all existing municipal waste landfills in the nation to either: New landfills were required to be constructed with an engineered liner system capable of preventing landfill liquids from migrating into groundwater, in addition to implementing the groundwater and gas monitoring, financial assurance, and more stringent operational requirements. From a regulatory standpoint, the "open dump" was finally history. We have a problem. Due almost entirely to this event, the federal government began taking an even greater role in environmental protection. In , the U. The Government found an ideal location, but nothing came of the study until May when a gentleman named William Love took an interest in the site. Unfortunately, financial problems resulted in Mr. Love abandoning the project, and the partially completed canal was sold in For over 30 years, the canal was the dumping ground for municipal garbage and chemical wastes from the City of Niagara, New York and surrounding municipalities. Finally, in , the site was covered with soil and sold to the Niagara school system for one dollar. Then, in after a record rainfall, toxic chemicals began to leak from the old canal into the yards and basements of the community. The Love Canal problem was thrust into the national spotlight as President Carter declared the entire area a disaster area, releasing emergency funds to evacuate the citizens. Its purpose was to implement a national response for problems resulting from past hazardous waste management practices, to impose liability on those entities creating the problem, and to remediate contaminated soils and groundwater caused by those practices. CERCLA also imposed various taxes on chemical and petroleum industries, which were deposited into a trust fund hence, the name "Superfund" to be used for remediations initiated under its provisions. Oklahoma Perspective Since regulations implementing RCRA Subtitle D were implemented in , there have been no large-scale federal changes to the overall waste management regime implemented by the various federal statutes and EPA regulations. Prior to statehood, as in most of the nation, waste disposal laws, per se, did not exist in Oklahoma. With only a few exceptions, waste issues were indirectly covered under general public nuisance statutes. In Oklahoma Territory, a public nuisance was defined as "a crime against the order and economy of the Territory, and consists in unlawfully doing any act or omitting to perform any duty required by the public good, which act or omission When statutes identified specific, prohibited disposal practices, they typically were directed toward prevention of water pollution or the spread of disease to animals or humans, rather than attempt to develop a comprehensive waste management protocol. For example, in Oklahoma Territory it was unlawful to: Interestingly, only one waste material was specifically mentioned within the authorities granted to early cities and towns--ashes! Cities and towns were authorized to direct fire companies to construct a place for the "safe deposit of ashes. After statehood in , many of the same prohibitions found in the Territorial statutes were codified into the statutes of the State of Oklahoma and administered by the newly-created Oklahoma State Department of Health OSDH. As various industries developed, statutes were further expanded to cover other specific issues, though they were still geared toward prevention of water pollution or the spread of disease. For instance, early state statutes required the State Veterinarian to dispose of diseased animal carcasses "in such manner as will, in his judgment, best protect the health of the domestic animals of that locality. The Great Depression and the Dust Bowl; many problems, but no real solutions. Oklahoma City dump and adjacent hog farm, Though little had changed in the years following statehood, by the end of the s, the twin calamities of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl brought to light another, unexpected problem with a very human impact.

Chapter 3 : Bueckers City Sanitation - Scrap Yard in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, United States

A Brief History of Waste Regulation in the United States and Oklahoma the first municipal disposal sites in the Western world and England where sanitation.

The business was previously owned by Donna Bueckers and her late husband Gene. Ervin and Bertha have been in the garbage business their entire married life. Through the years the business has grown with hard work, customer satisfaction, and determination. Our crew consists of hard working and dedicated route drivers, yard staff, our new commingle line staff and office staff who help Bueckers City Sanitation grow every year! Ervin and Bertha treat all employees as if they are part of the family. The BCS Family is proud to serve its communities with refuse collection and an ever growing recycling program. We can be seen in area parades, fairs, doing educational presentations at school and community functions, as well as joining with various non-profit groups such as Boy Scout Troop 25 to hold community clean up and recycling events. Bueckers City Sanitation has the equipment, facilities and expertise to handle the recycling, garbage and trash removal services for your home or business in Sauk Centre, Minnesota. We also serve surrounding communities including Melrose, Albany, Avon, St. Anna, Big Birch Lake, and St. Wendel. Got a bigger mess than you know what to do with? We deliver the dumpster to your property in the Sauk Centre, MN, area and cautiously place it on your property to minimize physical damage. You dump, we take care of the rest. Call today for roll-off dumpster service in Sauk Centre, MN, and surrounding areas. We are trying to clean the world, one house, office and construction site at a time! Need reliable, inexpensive, weekly, residential or commercial garbage and recycling service? Services We offer residential pickup throughout Central Minnesota, at various sizes: Weekly refuse pickup includes weekly commingled recycling! Recycling saves the environment!.. Commingled recycling has made it easier for customers to recycle and enables your materials to be recycled at our state-of-the-art recycling facility. Bueckers City Sanitation encourages everyone to recycle at home, at work, and even at school! We offer rolloff box use and delivery services to best fit your budget and needs: Western Stearns Demolition operates a demolition landfill in connection with Bueckers City Sanitation, conveniently located in Sauk Centre. You can also bring out your demolition to our facility for a fee. Give us a call today for pricing.

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BOX Water Supplies for the City of Boston On April 7, , a fire that destroyed homes and stores in central Boston led to a debate that lasted for more than 20 years before a decision to finally bring a supply of water to the city adequate in quantity and quality was reached. The issue was not whether the provision of water for the rapidly growing city was desirable; every candidate for mayor over the two decades promised to bring water to the city. The issue that delayed the decision was whether the water should be supplied by the city government or by one or more private companies. The water from the wells serving individual homes, as well as from those made available by private entrepreneurs who provided keys to the locks on the pumps for a price, was contaminated by infiltration of wastes from nearby privies. Sewers became accessible for the receipt of household wastes during the middle and late nineteenth century. The storm sewers discharged to local drainage ditches, which extended contamination of the groundwater. The situation was further aggravated when small companies set themselves up to distribute water from private wells to some homes and businesses. The Aqueduct Corporation brought water from a small pond within the city. The Boston Hydraulic Company, through the Massachusetts legislature, took water from ponds north of the Charles River and within 12 miles of the city. However, the Boston City Council rejected the requirement that it be obliged to subscribe to stock in the Boston Hydraulic Company. In , it brought the issue to a public referendum, and the public, despite opposition of the two companies, overwhelmingly endorsed the proposition that the city should build and operate the waterworks. Although this decision took more than 10 years of discussion and debate, it was only the beginning. In , Congress passed legislation to develop regulations to prevent the introduction, transmission, or spread of communicable disease from foreign countries or from state to state. However, it was not until that the first water regulations were promulgated under this legislation AWWA, These early federal regulations prohibited the use of common water cups on interstate common carriers. Water and Wastewater Systems. Privatization of Water Services in the United States: An Assessment of Issues and Experience. The National Academies Press. The private companies, by then also including Boston Aqueduct Corporation and the Spot Pond Aqueduct Company, owned the small nearby ponds. The proponents of public ownership preferred Long Pond later known as Lake Cochituate , which was larger and further from the city. The water companies preferred investing in water supply at a lower immediate cost, rather than committing to a larger source they did not own that was more costly and for which the companies did not have the financial resources. A second referendum again supported public ownership, but this time by a smaller margin. Meanwhile, the city was growing. The Boston Aqueduct Company had so extended its distribution system that the customers complained of low pressures and being without water much of the time. The city had done nothing, and the controversy continued. In , the city finally decided to enter into the provision of water from Long Pond. But the water companies were not done—they had the ear of the state legislature. The legislature agreed that the city should go ahead with its scheme but only if supported by another referendum. This time, the Long Pond option with public ownership was narrowly defeated. Machinations of the Spot Pond Aqueduct Company, however, delayed the commitment to the private option, and the decision to privatize was aborted. Finally, consultants employed by the city reported that Spot Pond would provide only 1. In April it was put to a vote, and the citizens again overwhelmingly supported the Long Pond project and public ownership. In the final analysis, financial resources available to the private companies could not compete with those of the municipality, which had the financial support of its state legislature. At the time, long-term investments were more readily made by public bodies than by private companies. Since then, water and sewerage and wastewater treatment systems in the Boston metropolitan area have largely been regionalized and are now the responsibility of the Massachusetts Regional Water Authority MWRA. Some cities in the region, such as Cambridge and Worcester, have their own water systems, and most of the cities own and operate their own sewerage and water distribution systems. The state controls the MWRA watersheds. The MWRA makes liberal use of private consultants, private laboratories, and other private establishments for capital and

operational purposes. This box draws from Blake Service Drinking Water Standards were first adopted in , with bacterial limits to protect the traveling public. Water supplies in cities that provided water for interstate carriers needed to be approved by the U. Many states adopted these or similar standards for their communities. The use of chlorine as a disinfectant in water treatment became common in the United States around In the nineteenth century, the number of water supplies grew exponentially from a total of about in to about 3, in Ownership was evenly divided between public and private ownership. Beginning about , the number of publicly owned systems began to exceed the number of private systems. The years following World War II saw the development of new approaches to ensure safe water supplies. Organic chemicals that were used heavily during the war found a place in a range of civilian applications. Many of these chemicals eventually made their way into surface and groundwater systems. In her book, *Silent Spring*, Rachel Carson expressed concerns regarding environmental quality, including the quality of drinking water, caused by synthetic chemicals Carson, These new chemicals were dissolved in minute quantities in water and could not be detected by the analytical techniques of the day Dougherty et al. New analytical tools were developed, and they fostered even greater concerns over water pollution. There was public clamor for federal standards to be applied to all water supplies. Environmental Protection Agency is responsible for establishing drinking water standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act. But this often polluted the groundwater that was being used for water supply. Sewerage systems were thus introduced to remove wastewater from homes and other buildings for discharge to the nearest waterbodies. Local governments constructed sewerage lines, as well as streets, drainage systems, and infrastructure for other utilities. These sewerage systems, while sanitizing homes, also often created nuisances and health hazards in the receiving waters, as these were also being used for water supply. Comprehensive sewerage systems were being built throughout Europe and the United States in the mids. Because receiving waters often played multiple roles as sources of food, places of recreation, and sources of drinking water, treatment of wastewater before discharge was initiated in the latter years of the century. Initial treatment consisted of diverting wastewater to farms for application to the land, where wastewater helped restore nutrients to the soil. With urban growth and the attendant larger volumes of water that needed to be processed, sedimentation alone was no longer sufficient, and various improvements in treatment were introduced. Chemical precipitation was introduced to enhance sedimentation, but that created problems with sludges. A major step was the introduction of biological treatment with trickling filters following sedimentation Box describes development of St. Many other types of secondary biological treatment processes are now available, with the aim of increasing their efficiency and reducing their space and cost requirements. Activated sludge and other modern biological processes can provide up to 95 to 98 percent removal of organic matter and suspended solids and bacteria. Passage of the Clean Water Act in made secondary treatment a requirement for all wastewater treatment plants in the United States. A federal construction grant program, which provided additional funds as Page 36 Share Cite Suggested Citation:

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An epidemic is when an infectious disease spreads within a community or area during a specific time period. Learn about the biggest outbreaks to spread across the United States, and where we are now. People had symptoms of high fever, chills, severe back pain, and rashes. Starting from the Northeast, smallpox wiped out entire Native American tribes. Over 70 percent of the Native American population dropped. In 1776, of the 5, Bostonians who had smallpox died from it. In 1796, Edward Jenner developed a vaccine from cow pox. It helps the body become immune to smallpox without causing the disease. After a large vaccination initiative in 1968, smallpox is gone from the United States. In fact, vaccines are no longer necessary. One humid summer, refugees leaving a yellow fever epidemic in the Caribbean Islands sailed in, carrying the virus with them. Yellow fever causes yellowing of the skin, fever, and bloody vomiting. Five thousand people died, and 17, fled the city. The vaccine was developed and then licensed in 1935. One vaccine is enough for life. Mosquitoes are key to how this disease spreads, especially in countries like Central and South America and Africa. Eliminating them has been successful in controlling yellow fever. While yellow fever has no cure, someone who does recover from the illness becomes immune for the rest of their life. Cholera in three waves Share on Pinterest The United States had three serious waves of cholera, an infection of the intestine, between 1817 and 1820. The pandemic began in India, and swiftly spread across the globe through trade routes. New York City was usually the first city to feel the impact. An estimated two to six Americans died per day during the outbreak. The last documented outbreak in the United States was in 1917. Immediate cholera treatment is crucial, as it can cause death. Treatment includes antibiotics, zinc supplementation, and rehydration. Cholera still causes nearly 3 million deaths a year worldwide, according to the CDC. Modern sewage and water treatment have helped eradicate cholera in some countries, but the virus is still present elsewhere. The best way to prevent cholera is to wash hands regularly with soap and water, and avoid drinking contaminated water. Scarlet fever also came in waves. Scarlet fever is a bacterial infection that can occur after strep throat. Like cholera, scarlet fever epidemics came in waves. During the epidemic, 95 percent of people who caught the virus were children. Older studies argue that scarlet fever declined due to improved nutrition, but research shows that improvements in public health were more likely the cause. There is no vaccine to prevent strep throat or scarlet fever. Your doctor will typically treat scarlet fever with antibiotics. About five of those New Yorkers passed away from the virus. Annually, 10, people passed away from typhoid fever. Medical testing showed that Mallon was a healthy carrier for typhoid fever. Typhoid fever causes sickness and red spots to form on the chest and abdomen. A vaccine was developed in 1924, and an antibiotic treatment for typhoid fever became available in 1945. Today typhoid fever is rare. But it can spread through direct contact with infected people, as well as consumption of contaminated food or water. It circulates the globe annually, but seriously affected the United States in 1917. After the end of World War I, cases of the flu slowly declined. None of the suggestions provided at the time, from wearing masks to drinking coal oil, were effective cures. Diphtheria epidemic Diphtheria peaked in 1924, with 15, cases. Diphtheria causes swelling of the mucous membranes, including in your throat, that can obstruct breathing and swallowing. Sometimes a bacterial toxin can enter the bloodstream and cause fatal heart and nerve damage. By the mid-1920s, researchers licensed a vaccine against the bacterial disease. Infection rates plummeted in the United States. Today more than 80 percent of children in the United States are vaccinated. Those who contract the disease are treated with antibiotics. The peak of polio Polio is a viral disease that affects the nervous system, causing paralysis. It spreads through direct contact with people who have the infection. The first major polio epidemic in the United States occurred in 1916 and reached its peak in 1917. Of the 57, reported cases, there were 3, deaths. Three years later, Dr. Jonas Salk developed a vaccine. By 1955, the average number of cases dropped to 1,000. Getting vaccinated is very important before traveling. Treatment involves increasing comfort levels and preventing complications. Second measles outbreak Measles is a virus that

causes a fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and sore throat, and later a rash that spreads over the whole body. In the early 20th century, most cases involved children, due to inadequate vaccination coverage. Doctors began to recommend a second vaccine for everyone. Since then, each year has had fewer than 1, cases. The United States experienced another outbreak of measles in and The CDC reports that this outbreak was identical to the measles outbreak in the Philippines in Be sure to get all the vaccinations your doctor recommends. About , became ill, and more than people died, making it the largest waterborne outbreak in United States history. Most people recovered on their own. Of the people who passed, the majority had compromised immune systems. Improved water filtrations helped eradicate this disease, but an estimated , cases of cryptosporidium still occur each year. Cryptosporidium spreads through soil, food, water, or contact with infected feces. Be sure to practice personal hygiene, especially when camping. Whooping cough Pertussis , known as whooping cough, is highly contagious and one of the most commonly occurring diseases in the United States. These coughing attacks can last for months. Infants too young for vaccination have the highest risk for life-threatening cases. Ten infants died during the first outbreak. A whooping cough outbreak comes every three to five years. The occurrence of the disease is much less than it was. The CDC recommends that pregnant women get a vaccination during the third trimester to optimize protection at birth. The leading cause of early death First documented in , the epidemic we now know as HIV first appeared to be a rare lung infection. It can be transmitted from mother to unborn baby if not treated. While there is no cure for HIV, you can decrease your risk through safety measures like making sure your needles are sterilized and having protected sex. Safety measures can be taken during pregnancy to prevent the disease from being transmitted from an infected mother to child. For emergencies, PEP post-exposure prophylaxis is a new antiretroviral medicine that prevents HIV from developing within 72 hours. Stay updated Education Educating yourself about current disease outbreaks can help you understand what precautions you should take in order to keep you and your family safe and healthy. Protect yourself and your family The good news is that the outbreaks listed here are rare and, in some cases, preventable. Make sure your family is up to date on their vaccinations before traveling, and get the latest flu vaccination. Simple steps in the kitchen and food safety techniques can also prevent you and your family from contracting or transferring infections.

Average New York City Department of Sanitation Sanitation Worker yearly pay in the United States is approximately \$64,, which is 10% above the national average. Salary information comes from 12 data points collected directly from employees, users, and past and present job advertisements on Indeed in the past 36 months.

List of United States water companies EPA defines a public water system PWS as one that provides water for human consumption through pipes or other constructed conveyances to at least 15 service connections or serves an average of at least 25 people for at least 60 days a year. The agency has defined three types of PWS: A PWS that supplies water to the same population year-round. A PWS that regularly supplies water to at least 25 of the same people at least six months per year, but not year-round. Some examples are schools, factories, office buildings, and hospitals which have their own water systems. A PWS that provides water in a place such as a gas station or campground where people do not remain for long periods of time. PWSs are either publicly owned, cooperatives or privately owned, [6] serving a total of about million people in EPA estimates the number of beneficiaries of community water systems at million in [6] The United States Geological Survey estimates that "About million people depended on water from public suppliers" in In the latter case they are called multi-utilities. Bulk water suppliers are entities that manage large aqueducts and sell either treated or untreated water to various users, including utilities. Eighty-nine percent of Americans served by a public water system are served by a public or cooperative entity. In some cases public utilities span several jurisdictions. Utility cooperatives are a major provider of water services, especially in small towns and rural areas [69] [70] Private utilities. The largest private water company in the U. Some utilities in the U. Other utilities, such as the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission , provide power in addition to water and sewer services. Other multi-utilities provide power and water services, but no sewer services, such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Orlando Utilities Commission. There are also some utilities that provide only sewer services, such as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago or the sewer utility in the city of Santa Clara. There are also a few large bulk water suppliers in the arid Southwest of the United States, which sell water to utilities. Twenty-six cities and water districts serving 18 million people are members of MWD. However, while all investor-owned utilities are subject to tariff regulation, only few public utilities are subjected to the same regulation. In fact, only 12 states have laws restricting pricing practices by public water and sanitation utilities. Professional associations include the American Society of Civil Engineers focused on advocacy for state revolving fund and water resource development legislation, American Water Works Association AWWA oriented mainly towards drinking water professionals and the Water Environment Federation WEF geared mainly at wastewater professionals. The geographical scope of both is greater than the U. AWWA has members in countries, [79] with a focus on the U. Another example is the Alliance for Water Efficiency AWE , which was created in with seed funding from the EPA to "advocate for water efficiency research, evaluation, and education" at the national level. Its Board members "represent water utilities, environmental organizations, plumbing and appliance associations, irrigation manufacturers, the academic community, government, and others. Other issues are concerns about a swiftly retiring workforce, the affordability of water bills for the poor during a recession, and water fluoridation, which is opposed by some mainly on ethical and safety grounds. Water scarcity and climate change[edit] With water use in the United States increasing every year, many regions are starting to feel the pressure. At least 36 states are anticipating local, regional, or statewide water shortages by , even under non-drought conditions. Hotter summers mean thirstier people and plants. In addition, more evaporation from reservoirs and irrigated farmland will lead to faster depletion of water supplies. Scientific evidence suggests that rising temperatures in the southwestern United States will reduce river flows and contribute to an increased severity, frequency, and duration of droughts. Many utilities depend on winter snowpack to store water and then gradually release it through snowmelt during spring and summer. Warmer temperatures will accelerate snowmelt, causing the bulk of the runoff to occur earlier and potentially increasing water storage needs in these areas. The NAS found that there really was not a lot of information available on drinking water

quality. Perhaps the most important part of the study, according to senior EPA officials responsible for implementing the law, was that it described some methodologies for doing risk assessments for chemicals that were suspected carcinogens. Combined sewer overflows CSO and sanitary sewer overflows affect the quality of water resources in many parts of the U. About communities have combined sewer systems, serving about 40 million people, mostly in the Northeast, the Great Lakes Region and the Pacific Northwest. Drinking water quality in the United States Drinking water quality. There are several aspects of drinking water quality that are of some concern in the United States, including Cryptosporidium , [93] disinfection by-products , lead , perchlorates and pharmaceutical substances. However, in almost all cases drinking water quality is in conformity with the norms of the Safe Drinking Water Act , which requires EPA to set Maximum Contaminant Levels for pollutants. Consumers can find out about these local reports on a map provided by EPA. A survey found that customers were generally satisfied with the information they are receiving from their water companies and their local or state environmental offices. Despite a growing sense that water will be as important a global issue as energy in the coming century, capital deployed for water resources "pales in comparison to that for renewable energy. Federal support is also on the decline. We now spend ten times less on that research. S, in , about 2. Regarding sanitation , in , only around 36, people did not have access to "improved" sanitation. However, more than 1. They are spread across all racial and ethnic categories, but they are more prominent in the minority groups. Most of the people who lacked plumbing services were elderly, poor, and living in rural areas. Alaska has the highest percentage of households without plumbing " 6. However, poor households face a different situation: In , approximately one third of executives and managers were expected to retire in the following five years. Water fluoridation in the United States Water fluoridation , the controlled addition of moderate concentrations of fluoride to a public water supply to reduce tooth decay , is used for about two-thirds of the U.

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Water is essential to health and food production. Globally, nearly billion people lack access to safe drinking water in their homes and about billion lack access to proper sanitation, putting them at risk of disease.

Chapter 8 : Full text of "Municipal sanitation in the United States"

Public Water Systems Fast Facts Of the approximately , public water systems in the United States, 52, (%) are community systems and , (%) are noncommunity systems, including 84, transient systems and 18, nontransient systems 1.

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Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures are mandatory for food industries in United States. Similarly, in Japan, food hygiene has to be achieved through compliance with food sanitation law. Similarly, in Japan, food hygiene has to be achieved through compliance with food sanitation law.