You may access the online NC Drinking Water Incident Response Toolkit at: drinkingwater.sog.unc.edu

A recording of the NC Drinking Water Incident Response Toolkit webinar is available on our website. The webinar link is: <u>sog.unc.edu/webinars/p94201q9un2g/</u>. Your web browser will require Flash Player 13.0 or above to watch the webinar.

The toolkit includes a guide for pre-incident planning, customizable tools for local governments, information on mutual aid, communication tools, essential information on drinking water and its regulation, and an appendix of additional resources. Drinking water incidents such as floods, infrastructure failures, or contaminations may create real or perceived threats to the safety of drinking water across North Carolina. One highlight from the toolkit is the section on <u>pre-incident planning</u>. Any local community can be vulnerable to experiencing a drinking water incident. As such, this guide was developed to help local governments be as prepared as possible to respond if and when incidents occur. The guide is based on the principles that preparation is crucial, that it should be inclusive and collaborative, and that local issues and needs vary.

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We hope the toolkit will be helpful to your community.