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(Note: SDWA is included in 'Chapter 6A - Public Health Service' / section 300f)

1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act

In 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act to emphasize sound science and risk-based standard setting, small water supply system flexibility and technical assistance, community-empowered source water assessment and protection, public right-to-know, and water system infrastructure assistance through a multi-billion-dollar state revolving loan fund. For more detailed information, read:

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