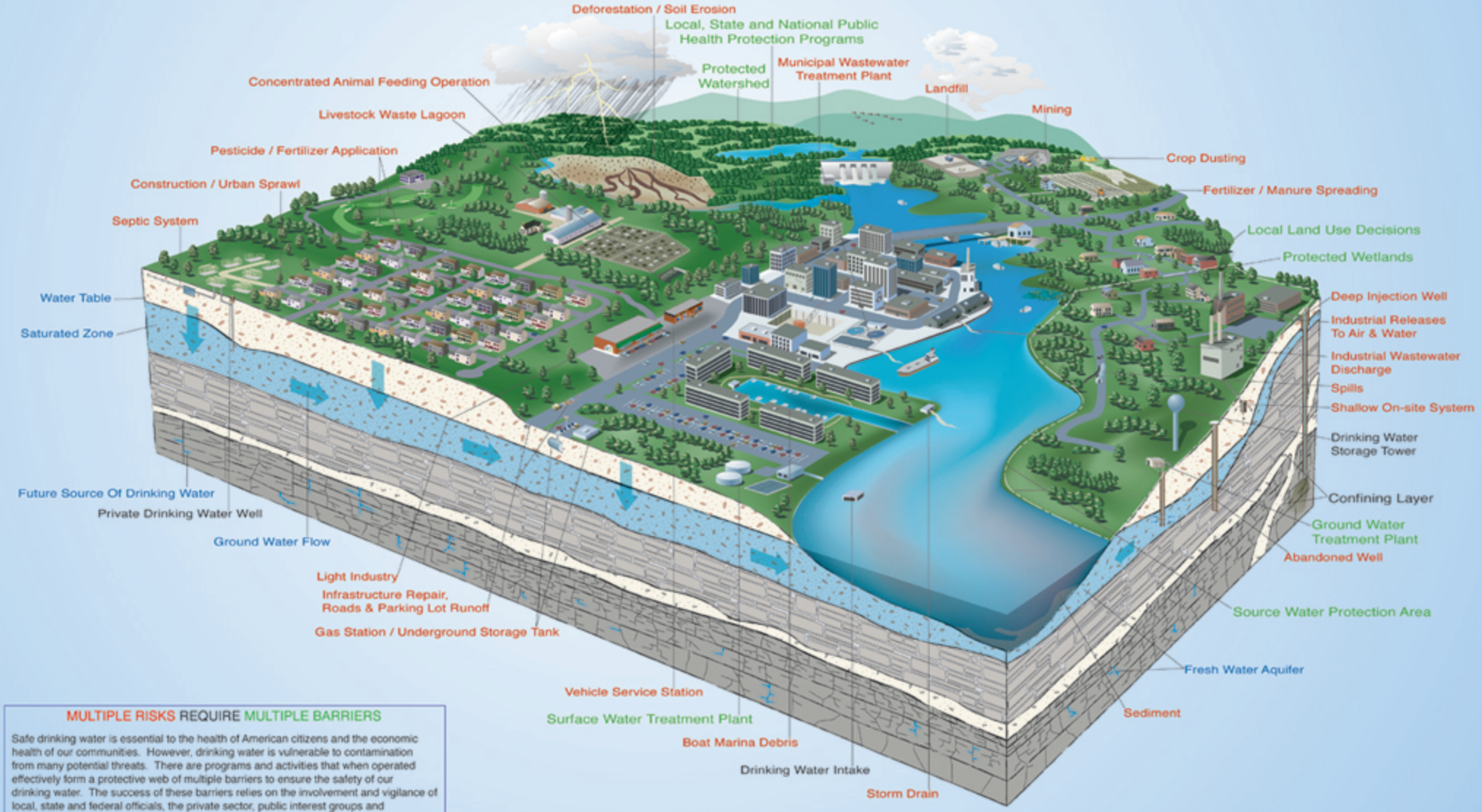
Safe Drinking Water Act - Protecting America's Public Health



MULTIPLE RISKS REQUIRE MULTIPLE BARRIERS

Safe drinking water is essential to the health of American citizens and the economic health of our communities. However, drinking water is vulnerable to contamination from many potential threats. There are programs and activities that when operated effectively form a protective web of multiple barriers to ensure the safety of our drinking water. The success of these barriers relies on the involvement and vigilance of local, state and federal officials, the private sector, public interest groups and individual citizens.

This poster identifies examples of

1. Surface and groundwater sources of drinking water (in blue),
2. Potential threats to those drinking water sources (in red), and
3. The multiple barriers that together protect our nation's public health (in green).

Safe Drinking Water Hotline – (800) 426-4791 Safewater Web Site – www.epa.gov/safewater

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