

## NC Division of Public Health Signs On To Idea of EPA-Led Nationwide Safe Water Standards

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - North Carolina's Division of Public Health has endorsed a call for nationwide safe water standards from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials.

"We hope the association's policy will provide the impetus for adoption of uniform safe drinking water standards that can be applied in all states and territories," said Danny Staley, Director of the Division of Public Health in a news release. "This decision by this national body reinforces the recent withdrawal of the 'do not drink' recommendations issued to a small set of well owners, and clearly demonstrates the need for consistent standards for all citizens."

The statement reads:

"ASTHO believes that there should be one consistent set of drinking water standards for the protection of all Americans. In the past, proposals were considered that had the potential to create a two-tiered system of maximum contaminant levels for water systems based on affordability. However, a two-tier system would result in health disparities across communities and states. Uniform optimum public health protection standards for everyone in the United States and U.S. territories must remain the focus.

The association represents the public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, as well as more than 100,000 public health professionals employed by these agencies.