

## Consent to Participate in Research

Dear Participant:

You are being asked to participate in a research study from Indiana University regarding **public understanding of water resources**. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

The purpose of this study is to examine consumers' knowledge of the water system, as well as their perceptions related to the quality and abundance of water in the United States. You were selected as a possible subject because you are a **student** at Indiana University. Thank you for your time and help with this effort.

If you agree to be in the study, you will participate in a 10-15 minute in-person survey on the water supply system in the United States.

You will not receive payment for taking part in this study. Your participation in this study will contribute to high-impact research related to water conservation efforts in the United States.

Please note that participation is voluntary and you can choose to stop participating at any point during the study. The survey is anonymous and no one will know what answers you give. For this reason, please do not put your name or anyone else's name anywhere in the survey.

Thank you for your time and effort. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [kmpoinsa@indiana.edu](mailto:kmpoinsa@indiana.edu).

Sincerely,

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**GRADUATE WATER SURVEY**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

1. Please ***draw a diagram*** illustrating your understanding of the processes by which **clean water** reaches the tap in the average home in the United States. Please draw how water reaches the home **from its original source(s)** and is then **returned to the natural environment**. Show all of the processes that the water goes through. You are encouraged to label your drawing and add any explanations you believe will help convey your understanding of the water system.

2. Do you believe there are or are not risks associated with drinking water quality in the United States?

- Yes, there are risks       No, there are not risks

3. If yes, what do you believe is the greatest risk associated with drinking water quality?

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4. Do you believe there are or are not risks associated with drinking water quantity in the United States?

- Yes, there are risks       No, there are not risks

5. If yes, what do you believe is the greatest risk associated with drinking water quantity?

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6. Do you believe there are or are not risks associated with drinking water infrastructure in the United States?

- Yes, there are risks       No, there are not risks

7. If yes, what do you believe is the greatest risk associated with drinking water infrastructure?

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8. How adequate do you feel U.S. drinking water is in terms of the following characteristics:

	Highly Inadequate	Inadequate	Neither adequate nor inadequate	Adequate	Highly Adequate
A. Drinking water quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Drinking water quantity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Drinking water infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Which statement do you most agree with?

- Water I get from my tap is generally safe without harmful contaminants.  
 Water I get from my tap is likely to contain some harmful contaminants.

10. If you believe that water from your tap does contain some harmful contaminants, please name any contaminants that come to mind on the space below.

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11. How often do you think about the quantity of water you use in your home?

- Never       Rarely       Occasionally       A moderate amount       A great deal  
(Annually)      (Monthly)      (Weekly)      (Daily)

12. Which activities make you most aware of the quantity of water you use in your home? If there are no activities, write N/A.

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13. To what extent would you describe your local water supply as safe to drink?

- Far below average       Below average       Average       Above Average       Far above average

14. What causes you to think about water quality in your home? If you never think about water quality, write N/A.

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15. How would you rate the level of difficulty in finding out information about where your water comes from?

- Very difficult       Difficult       Moderate       Easy       Very easy       Not applicable

16. From which source(s) do you obtain the majority of your information regarding the drinking water supply system? Please check all that apply.

- Public utilities       News articles       Personal observation       Class \_\_\_\_\_  
 Word of mouth       Water bill       None       Other \_\_\_\_\_

17. Check which of the following you have seen in the past year:

- Water main       Storage tank       Surface runoff       Drinking water treatment       Surface water (e.g., lake, river, reservoir)  
 Reservoir       Pump Station       Wastewater treatment       Water meter       None

18. What is your local drinking water source? \_\_\_\_\_

19. What is your sex?       Male       Female       Other \_\_\_\_\_

20. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Are you an international student?       Yes       No

22. What is/are your major(s)/minor(s)/concentration(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is your current education level?

- Freshman       Sophomore       Junior       Senior       Masters       Doctoral       Professional (JD, MD)

24. Do you have any additional thoughts or comments you would like to share with us?

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